

## COVID-19 Safety Plan – October 2021

Metropolitan Baptist Church has registered a COVID-19 Safety Plan for worship services through [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au)

The following document represents the plan implemented by our Church as of 13 October, 2021.

### **REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO STAFF AND CONGREGANTS**

- Staff and congregants with even the mildest symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are requested to abstain from services and to promptly obtain a COVID-19 test in accordance with Public Health Orders.
- Staff are educated in the government's requirements in relation to COVID-19 vaccination and COVID-19 testing; government requirements concerning hygiene, physical distancing and mask wearing.
- Staff and congregants are aware of the government's requirements concerning COVID vaccination and attendance.
- Staff and congregants are aware of the government's requirements concerning physical distancing while in our facility.
- Staff and congregants are requested to adhere to the requirements of the government's public health orders by wearing face masks.
- Our music program has been curtailed at this time. Singing will be performed by up to 10 fully vaccinated singers at one time, in line with government regulations.
- Service ministries within our church have been curtailed to assist with physical distancing and general hygiene issues.
- Good hygiene is emphasized for all staff and congregants at all times.
- Staff and congregants are requested to adhere to a high level of personal responsibility in all these areas.

### **REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO OUR BUILDING**

- Our Church capacity in accordance with government regulations (as of October, 2021) is:
  - ✓ **150 worshippers** (numbers in accordance with the 4 square metre rule).
- Where practical, doors and windows will be left open to facilitate optimal ventilation.
- Where possible, our fans and air-conditioning will be used to optimize air flow and ventilation. Our air-conditioning systems will be maintained at a high level for optimal hygiene.
- Applicable NSW Health signage has been downloaded and is displayed in our facility.
- Weddings and funerals will be conducted in accordance with current government regulations.

### **REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO HYGEINE AND CLEANING**

- The church has deployed signage advising the need for good hand hygiene. Good hand hygiene practices are always encouraged.
- The church maintains a good supply of hand soap, sanitizer, masks, and paper towel to assist with good hygiene.
- Cleaning procedures have been modified to reflect COVID-safe practices; hard frequently used surfaces, along with children's ministry areas, will be regularly cleaned with appropriate strength cleaners; gloves and good hand hygiene are employed by all staff involved in cleaning.

## **REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO RECORD KEEPING**

- The church has a QR code system downloaded and accessible at entryways to our facilities.
- Appropriate records of all worshippers, including all visitors, unable to provide a QR code check-in will be kept in accordance with government guidelines. All records are stored confidentially and securely.