



SECC PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS AND GUESTS

If a member/guest tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms:

- Member/guest should seek medical care as necessary, but otherwise isolate at home and **not return to church services and activities until the following conditions are met:**
 - Stay home for at least 5 days since their COVID-19 symptom onset.
 - Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving **and** an FDA approved/authorized COVID-19 test is negative on or after day 5 (a diagnostic test – PCR or antigen is required).
 - If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after day 10.
 - If fever is present, isolation should be continued until at least 24 hours have passed since fever resolution without use of fever reducing medication.
 - If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving continue to isolate until symptoms are resolved or until after day 10.
 - Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.

If a member/guest who tested positive for COVID-19 exposed others at church:

- If other members/guests had exposure to the COVID-positive individual at church services/activities, the church should identify and notify those “close contacts” (i.e., individuals who were within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case(s).
- We recommend that the church also notify the entire church congregation that a member/guest who was at a church service/activity tested positive for COVID-19, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case(s), that all “close contacts” have been notified, and that they should monitor their symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop.

Vaccination Status Definitions:

There are now different quarantine protocols for exposed individuals who have or have not received a booster dose.

- **“Up-to-date”**: A person is considered up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination if they have received a booster shot in addition to completing a primary COVID-19 vaccination series or are not yet recommended to receive a booster dose according to current CDC guidance.
- **“Not up-to-date”**: A person is considered “not up-to-date” on COVID-19 vaccination if they have not received a booster shot and it has been more 5 months since they received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or more than 2 months from a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen).

Members/guests who are Unvaccinated OR Not up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccination and have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 should follow the quarantine requirements below prior to returning to any church services/activities:

- Stay home for at least 5 days from the date of last contact with a person with COVID-19.
- Test on day 5 (a diagnostic test – PCR or antigen is required).
- Quarantine can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
- If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings
- If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations above.
- If symptoms develop, test, and stay home.

Members/guests who are up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccination and have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 should follow the requirements below:

- May continue to participate in church services/activities without isolation.
- Test on day 5 (a diagnostic test – PCR or antigen is required).
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations above.
- If symptoms develop, test, and stay home.

The church should consult with SECC administration if there are **multiple cases of COVID-19** among members and guests who attended a service or church-related function.

In addition to these guidelines, we recommend that you check your local/county health requirements for any updates and additional requirements that may be applicable within your specific counties and regions. If you have any questions, please contact the SECC Human Resources Department at 951-509-2352.

Resources:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>