

# *Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Boston*

PROSPERADOS POR LA PALABRA

August 01, 2020

Blessings Brothers and Sisters!

We are filled with joy to be able to return to our church after 4 months of, "Ebenezer En Casa" this Sunday, August 2, 2020. To be able to return to our in-person services, we need to adhere to the regulations imposed by the state of Massachusetts. In this document is a summary of the new rules we all need to familiarize ourselves with prior to our return to church for the well-being of everyone.

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## **Use of Face Masks**

- The use of face masks is mandatory for every person entering the building older than 5 years of age.
  - You need to have your mask on at all times.
- Kids under the age of 2 cannot have on a mask.
  - It is at the parents' discretion if their children age 2-5 wears a mask.
- All of our Staff need to have on their masks at all times.
  - The Pastor may take off his mask only while he is preaching.
  - The praise & worship team may take off their masks only while singing.
- Masks will be available for those who do not bring one, but we ask that you please be sure that you and your family come prepared with a mask.

## **General Information**

- The Staff will arrive at 1 pm.
- The families of the Staff cannot be inside the building during the time of cleaning and preparation.
- Members and visitors can begin to arrive at 2:10 pm. The building doors will be closed until 2:10 pm. If you arrive before, please wait in your vehicle or in the outdoor entrance area of the building if you do not arrive in a vehicle.

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- Please, keep a safe distance between you and any other persons who may also be waiting in the entrance area.
- Once the doors are open, you are welcomed into the building. **Be sure to remain social distancing** for a safe transition into the building.
- Food is not allowed in the temple.
- To comply with state guidelines, for now we are no longer providing water.
  - You can bring in your own bottled water.
  - Please do not leave behind your water bottles. You are responsible for disposing your bottles after the service.
- Please avoid greetings by hand, kisses and hugs. Instead, refer to greetings from a distance.
- Our tambourines will not be available to borrow.
  - We encourage you to bring your tambourines to worship with in order to avoid sharing constantly used items.
- If you need a pen, we have one for you. After using it, please keep it and take it with you; do not give it back to one of our Ushers from Bernabé.
- Our prayer petition forms will still be available. After filling it out, please return it to one of the Bernabé Staff members.
- The lower level is closed off.
- The bathrooms in the lower level will be open for emergency uses. Be sure to use the bathroom before leaving for church.
  - In the case of an emergency, a child under the age of 13 needs to be accompanied by a parent to the bathroom.

## **Seating**

- Please remain seated only with the members of your household.
  - Children cannot leave their seats to sit in different seats.
- Please remain in the seats you are guided to by Bernabé.
- If you bring visitors, they are unable to be seated with you unless they live in the same household as you.

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## **Tithes & Offerings**

- You can continue to make your contributions online via the mobile app “Cash App” or through “PayPal.”
- When exiting the temple, there will be a collection box where you can deposit your donations if you wish not to do so online.

## **Exiting the Building**

- Exiting the building will be through the back door of the temple (to the left of the pulpit).
- While exiting the building, Bernabé (our Usher department) will be giving hand sanitizer for those who want it.
- Only Bernabé is allowed to hold and give out the hand sanitizer.
- Gathering outside of the building is not allowed.

## **Kids and Youth**

- The children’s ministry will continue with their online classes.
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Can I go to the front of the pulpit to receive prayer?***

In the case someone would like to receive prayer or would like to accept Jesus and make the confession of faith, they are able to do so. If you need prayer, we ask that you remain at your seat and raise your hand when the Pastor asks if someone would like to receive prayer.

### ***What is the protocol for dancing?***

For now, each person can dance in the area of their seat.

### ***What is the protocol for the time of the prophecy and spiritual gifts?***

For members who prophesize, masks need to be worn.

### ***Will there be signs letting me know what areas are off limits?***

Yes!

### ***Are children under the age of 2 allowed?***

Yes! Children under the age of 2 cannot wear masks (health restriction).

### ***Are visitors still allowed?***

Yes! However, members and/or visitors must stay seated with their household members only.

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***Will there be childcare, children and youth classes?***

Unfortunately, we will currently not have classes or child care in the church. However, our Children and Youth teams will continue to provide virtual and online classes as they have been doing since the COVID-19 closures. Please be sure to have your child/ren continue to participate in these lessons/activities before our services on Sundays.

***Will the Communion still be provided?***

Yes! We have an alternative to serve the Communion in a sanitary form. We will be distributing individually sealed communion sets so we can all join in on this holy and special communion with our Father. Please, hold on to your trash until the end of the service. At the exit there will be a place where you can discard it.

**Thank you for your collaborations and many blessings for you all!**



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