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Easter Sunday 2021 COVID-19 Safety Plan

Summary of Worship Service

North Valley Baptist Church's (NVBC) Easter Sunday worship service¹ is an outdoor event designed to lead participants in worship to Jesus Christ by seeing, experiencing, and living out the realities of Jesus' resurrection. The service will include musical worship, Scripture reading, a sermon, and communion.

The service will run from 10:30am-11:45am in the outdoor parking lot at North Valley Baptist Church in Mission, BC on Sunday April 4th, 2021.

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Eliminating Risks

This service has a maximum capacity of 50 participants outside their vehicles, as well as a maximum capacity of up to 50 vehicles altogether. Some participants may remain in their vehicles.² This capacity includes the leader(s), volunteer(s), and participants, but does not include two specially designated people to ensure safety protocols are followed. To ensure this capacity is kept, participants must register online beforehand. The online registration form demands the names and contact information of those filling it out, and so naturally becomes the document for contact tracing.

The parking lot that the service will be executed in is spacious, allowing for individuals and family units who must be safely distanced at two meters apart. Participants will be reminded to respect the two-meter distance policy verbally and via signage. Participants will also be asked to bring their own chairs if they do not want to stand.

During online registration, participants will be asked to do a WorkSafe BC health check, whereby if they do not pass by the time of the event, will be asked to remain at home.

In accordance with the BC's Public Health Officer's orders, participants will not be allowed to sing during the service.

Safe Gathering Procedures

Upon parking, participants will access the designated seating area by a clearly viewed opening, ensuring an organized entrance. When the service is completed, participants will then follow the instructions to exit from another way that will be clearly marked or explained.

¹ Hereby described in the safety plan as simply "the service".

² A participant will be able to choose during registration whether they will be outside or inside their vehicle. If they choose to remain in their vehicle, they will be required to stay in their vehicle for the duration of the service.

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The use of washrooms at the service is limited to one participant or family unit using the washroom at a time (up to three people of the same family unit unless unable). Signage is posted on the door to the washrooms (one male and one female washroom).

BC Gov/WorkSafe BC/BCCDC Certified signage reminding participants of the various COVID-19 safety measures will be posted in visible areas (health check, physical distancing, and hand-washing posters).

Cleaning Procedures

[For the following information regarding sanitizing, NVBC utilizes Buckeye Sanicare Mint Quat™ disinfectant. Those doing the sanitizing have been trained to sufficiently use the disinfectant.]

Participants may experience physical contact in only two situations: (1) by receiving the safe communion elements upon entry, and (2) by using the washroom facilities.

Upon entry into the designated outside gathering area, participants will be offered to receive an all-in-one communion elements package. A volunteer will have disinfected the packages and, with gloves and a mask, distribute them to whoever would partake as they enter the gathering area. Two open-faced garbage cans will be available to dispose of garbage.

Washrooms will be sanitized before the service. Door and stall handles, stall locks, light switches, counter tops, sinks, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, safety rails, toilet seats, and flushers will be sufficiently sanitized with the mentioned disinfectant.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Protective Care

In addition to the safe gathering and sanitizing procedures explained above, all participants are required to wear a mask for the duration of the service. Masks must be a medical or non-medical mask of tightly woven fabric. A participant is not required to wear a mask if they are under 12 years of age, unable to put on or take off a mask without assistance, unable to wear a mask because of a psychological, behavioural, or health condition, or a physical, cognitive, or mental impairment. Formal speakers and singers will be able to remove their masks while speaking and singing as part of the service. Masks will be available for any participant who needs one.

Three hand sanitizer stations will be accessible for the service—one when entering the designated gathering area, one in the designated gathering area, and one at the exit of the designated gathering area.

Children's Program

To prevent unnecessary physical contact for parents/guardians and their children, the two doors into and out of the main children's room will be opened at all times for the extent of the service.

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Children will be asked and reminded to respect the two-meter distance policy verbally and via signage, however, due to the social and educational play of young children, physical interaction is allowed, though reasonably moderated (e.g., if the children were to do a craft, each child would be given their own supplies and tools, however, if the children are playing with a ball, it will be the same ball).

The room that the children will be meeting in has two entrances, whereby one is clearly designated as the entrance, and the other as the exit.

Although the doors into the children's ministry room will be opened for the duration of the service, all doorhandles will be sanitized before and after each weekly program. All main hard surfaces that will or may be touched by volunteers, parents/guardians, and children will be sanitized before the service (main hard surfaces include light switches, tables, chairs, toys, crafting tools, etc., but does not include walls, floor, etc.).

Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance into the children's ministry room.

For any comments, questions, or concerns, please call North Valley Baptist Church at 604-826-2015 or email the office at secretary@nvbc.ca.