



Neuenburg International Church
Coronavirus Protocol | August 10, 2020

I. Attendees:

- NIC Administration will email the church each week in order to request names of all who will join us in worship. This will help us to place the chairs at a safe distance, and to ensure that we do not exceed our capacity.
- With the current rules and regulations handed down from the government, our NIC Church can facilitate a maximum of 43 people.

II. Sanitation and protection:

- Each attendee of the NIC is responsible to bring their own mask for worship on Sunday and is required to wear that mask while they are on the church premises.
- Our deacons have purchased a stack of one-use masks in the case that any NIC attendee forgets to bring their own.
- All doors will be kept open so that no door handles will be in use except for the bathroom.
- Before each church service all necessary surfaces will be sprayed with disinfectant.
- Hand-disinfectant liquid will be provided upon entrance to the NIC Building.
- The bathroom will remain open, however we require extra attention to sanitation during this time of coronavirus. Please wash your hands thoroughly.
- A spray bottle of disinfectant will be placed in the bathroom to be used for both the inner and outer door handles after each use.
- We ask parents with small children to assist their children when using the toilet in order to maintain the highest level of hygiene and to disinfect the bathroom door handles.
- All NIC worshipers will be asked to leave the building within 30 minutes of the end of the NIC worship service in order to limit personal contact.
- All handshaking, hugging and physical contact between different family units is forbidden.
- All worshipers are required to maintain the distance from one another of 1.5 meters, and 2 meters in the Early Service.
- The West Door of the sanctuary will be used for Entrance and the South Door will be used as Exit from the sanctuary.
- We are asking any person who has a fever to please refrain from attending the NIC Worship service until you have been fever-free for at least 48 hours.
- If you show any of the symptoms related to the corona-virus, please stay home and follow the NIC worship services online.

III. Late Service (Regular Worship): 10:30am

A. Seating:

- Chairs between family units will be placed at minimum of 1.5 meters distance.
- Seating will be assigned and names will be put near the chairs.

B. Music:

- Worship Music will continue as normal but masks will be required for all worshipers and music leaders.
- We recommend that all NIC Worshipers sing at half their lung capacity in order to reduce the possibility of spreading droplets in the air.

C. Children's Ministry:

- There will be no children's church during the worship services until further notice. Children must remain with their parents during the entire service.
- NIC Children's Team Captain will provide printouts of a Christian nature for use by the children during the sermon.
- Parents will be asked to watch over their children in order to ensure that they are not interacting too closely to other children or adults during and after the service.
- Children younger than 6 years old are not required to wear a mask.

D. Hospitality:

- There will be no paper bulletins in the NIC until corona-restrictions are removed. However we will provide a digital bulletin with QR code each. It will be posted online and in the NIC.
- There will be no drinks or snacks available in the NIC. Worshipers may bring their own drinks, water bottles, or snacks for themselves and their children.
- The kitchen will be off limits to the church, except for NIC staff and in the case of emergencies.
- Fresh flowers may still be provided by the Hospitality team.

E. Preaching/Translation:

- The preacher and translator will not wear masks while leading the worship service. Plexiglass will be placed in front of both the preacher and translator in order to protect the congregation.

F. Lord's Supper:

- The Lord's Supper will be reinstated on a monthly basis as of August 16, 2020
 - The bread and wine/juice will be hygienically prepared by our deacons before the service, with the use of gloves and facemasks.

- Each individual portion of bread and wine will be placed under a ceramic bowl at the front of the worship room in order to reduce cross contamination.
- Families and individuals will be invited to come forward and receive their portion of the Lord's Supper one at a time.
- Participants of the Lord's Supper will follow the direction of the deacons, keeping their distance from others as they come to the table of the Lord. After receiving their portion of the Supper they will then return to their seats through the exit of the worship room and back around through the entrance, and then to their assigned seats.
- After all have been served the Lord's Supper, we will all partake together.

IV. Early Service (High Risk Worship Service): 9:00am

NOTE: All the rules from **section II** and **section III** apply except the following:

A. Seating:

- Chairs between family units will be placed at a minimum of 2 meters distance from one another.

B. Music:

- There will be no singing.
- All music will either be read silently with/without instrumental accompaniment, or it will be excluded altogether.

C. Preaching/Translating

- Preachers and translators will wear a mask at all times during the service

D. Lord's Supper:

- EITHER, participants may partake of the bread and wine which has been hygienically prepared by the deacons with the use of gloves and masks...
- OR, you may bring your own bread and wine to the service. However...
 - The bread must be a common sort of bread - no crackers or waffles
 - The wine or juice must be from the grape and red in color
 - Those who bring their own elements to the supper are asked to come 10-15 minutes early in order to prepare your own bread and wine on the tables in the annex. Please maintaining a 2 meter distance from others as you prepare. If there is not enough room for you to prepare your portion of the Supper, please wait until a space is opened for you.
 - You will be provided an unopened pack of communion cups and asked to place your portions of bread and wine/juice on the table in front of the worship space under a ceramic bowl provided for you.

- Each family will be asked to come up to come forward and take their bread and wine one at a time. When one family or individual has returned to their seats the next family or individual will be invited to come forward, remove the ceramic bowl and take their bread and wine/juice back to their seat.
- Participants of the Lord's Supper will follow the direction of the deacons, keeping their distance from others as they come to the table of the Lord. After receiving their portion of the Supper they will then return to their seats through the exit of the worship room and back around through the entrance.
- When all have been served, we will eat and drink together.

V. Video and transmission

- NIC Worship services will be live broadcast on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).