



Neuenburg International Church
Coronavirus Protocol | August 10, 2020

LEVEL 2

I. Attendees:

- NIC Administration will email the church each week in order to request names of all participants for the coming worship service. This will help us to place the chairs at a safe distance of 1.5 meters, and to ensure that we do not exceed our capacity.

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.
- We require extra attention to sanitation during this time of coronavirus. Please wash your hands thoroughly after using the restroom.
- A spray 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 15 minutes after the end of the NIC worship service in order to limit personal contact.
- All handshaking, hugging and physical contact between different family unites is forbidden.
- All attendees from different households are required to maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from one another.
- The West Door of the sanctuary will be used as an Entrance and the South Door will be used as an Exit from the sanctuary.
- All windows will be opened before and after each service in order to ventilate the room, as well one time during each service. We encourage each attendee of the NIC to bring warm clothes and/or blankets during the winter in order to keep warm while the room is being ventilated.
- Children younger than 6 years old are not required to wear a mask.

- 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.

III. Attendance regulations:

• The names of each NIC attendee or their household will be registered each week along with their contact information and kept on file for a minimum of 4 weeks.

• Any person who has a fever must please refrain from attending the NIC Worship service until they have been fever-free for at least 48 hours and have no other covid symptoms.

• If you show any of the symptoms related to the corona-virus, such as fever, an ongoing dry cough, the loss of taste or smell, to please stay home until it is clear that you do not have a Covid infection.

• If you have had any contact with anyone who has tested positive for Coronavirus, please refrain from attending the NIC for 14 days from the last contact with that person.

IV. Other services of the NIC

• The NIC will offer 2 worship services, one at 9am and one at 10:30am, in order to facilitate all attendees and maintain the necessary distance regulations for each chair of 1.5 meters.

A. Children's Team

• "Children's Church" will be suspended until further notice.

B. Music Team

• Worship Music will provide music for the congregation with a reduced team including only one vocalist in order to reduce aerosols in the room.

• We recommend that all NIC Worshipers sing quietly along with the Music Team.

C. Hospitality Team

• 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 Sunday which 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 officers/staff and in the case of emergencies.

• Fresh flowers may still be provided by the Hospitality team.

D. 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.

E. 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, all participants may lower their masks in order to receive the bread and wine/juice. All masks must be restored to their proper position directly after they partake.

F. Bible Studies and Small Groups

• Official NIC Bible Studies and Small Groups may continue as normal according to Corona Verordnung from 18.10.20 §§ 10 and 12 as long as:

- They prepare a Hygienekonzept for the meeting

- There is a set time, a set date, and a set schedule for the meeting

- They keep a record of attendees along with contact information for up to 4 weeks.

- All the necessary hygiene rules and regulations are followed.

- There is at least one NIC officer (elder or deacon) present.

- Small Groups or Bible Studies that take place in the NIC building may use the current NIC Hygienekonzept as their own without writing a new one.

- Small Groups or Bible Studies that take place directly after the NIC service will be asked to evacuate the building for 10-15 minutes before the start of the meeting so that the room can be fully ventilated and disinfected once again.