



Southern California Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

### COVID-19 Information Posters

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately continues to be a major issue in our communities and likely will be for some time. Any services carry some risk to our parishioners, particularly if they do not follow social distancing and masking protocols. In order to remind our parishioners of the ongoing risk of the pandemic, I am requesting that each of you have posters made that at this time would be posted outdoors on an easel at any location where individuals will arrive for services, and once we are able to resume in-person services, at every point of entry. The verbiage on the poster should be as follows: *"In this current climate, there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any place where people gather. COVID-19 is caused by a virus and can spread from person to person. Its symptoms range from mild to severe illness or even death. While everyone is at risk of contracting this illness, the CDC has advised that there is a special, higher risk for older adults and people of any age who have underlying medical conditions. **By attending, you acknowledge that you are aware of these risks and that you personally and voluntarily assume any and all risk of exposure to or any illness from the COVID-19 virus.**"* If your membership has groups of attendees that do not understand English, please have additional posters in the appropriate languages as well.

As you know, we all must continually respect the risks that are inherent as long as COVID-19 is circulating in our communities. Adventist Risk Management has also emphasized to all conferences that our legal liability will be minimized as long as we notify attendees of risk and as long as we follow all local regulations and health guidance. They have strongly cautioned us that if we do not consistently follow this guidance and remind attendees of the importance of social distancing, masking, etc., that we run the risk of significant financial penalties if there is litigation resulting from attendees who contract the virus after attending our services.

Thank you for preparing and posting the above and for assuring that we always follow the guidance that has been issued to protect our members and their families as much as possible.

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