


GUIDELINES

REOPENING FILIPINO-AMERICAN CAPITAL SDA CHURCH



The phased approach strategies are based on the following:

- Recent church survey
- Proposals emerging from meeting\discussion (s) by the Ad Hoc Committee responsible for the Reopening Plan of the church
- Guidelines: Opening Up America Again: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>
- Guidelines for Reopening Your Church by the Family Research Council: <https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF20D30.pdf>
- Maryland Strong, Roadmap to Recovery: https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MD_Strong.pdf
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/underlying-conditions.html>

FIRST PHASE (JUNE)

INDIVIDUALS

No elderly and those with underlying health conditions are allowed.

- Elderly: individuals ages 65 and above
- Underlying high-risk conditions according to the CDC include: DM, COPD/chronic lung disease/moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, chronic disease undergoing dialysis, liver disease, severe obesity with a BMI of 40 or higher, immunocompromised individuals-poorly controlled HIV/AIDS, cancer treatment, smoking, prolonged use of steroids, bone marrow or organ transplantation.
- Also includes individuals who have either flu or infected with Covid-19.
- Healthcare workers who have direct exposure to Covid-19 patients.
- Pastor Ramon Baldovino is exempted, and thus allowed to be in church.

GROUP/CLASS

Maximum of 10 persons are allowed in the building.

- Only the participants of the Sabbath worship services are allowed to come to church for live streaming.
- No elderly and or individuals with high-risk conditions or kids are allowed to participate.
- Families can gather in their homes to worship together, as long as they observe strict precautions.
- Worship council will coordinate with other departments to assign proper Sabbath school and divine worship participants.
- Participants should be screened properly to make sure that they meet the guidelines for participating in church services.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Strict physical distancing is observed

- Seats will be arranged 6 feet apart in order to follow strict precautions.
 - Everyone will need to wear mask at all times.
 - Deacons will work with Rolly dela Cruz to arrange the seats and post signages to adhere to strict precautions.
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NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

No non-essential travels

- Only the worship participants are encouraged to travel to church at this time.
 - All members will be informed of the reopening plan for proper guidance.
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VISITORS

Visitors are discouraged at this time

CHILDREN

Children are not allowed in church

- No kids are allowed to participate in church services.
 - Youth and the young adults are highly encouraged to lead out in church services.
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POTLUCK/FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

No potluck/fellowship lunch

- Water dispenser will be removed in the fellowship hall.
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WORSHIP SERVICE

Livestreaming will be continued for the worshippers at home

- Maximum of two individuals can only be in-charge to do the livestreaming.
 - Only one Sabbath service will be done at this time, as members or other individuals can always access saved streaming videos in our website.
 - Some parts of the program can be pre-recorded.
 - High quality videos and well-prepared programs are encouraged and should be a priority.
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MATERIALS

No bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, pens, etc. in the sanctuary

- Bulletins will be circulated ahead of time through email or text messaging.
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COMMUNION SERVICE

No communion service done at this time

OFFERING

Collection of offering is done in a central location box

- No collection baskets will be passed around at this time.
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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Only Sabbath worship participants are allowed in church

- Sabbath worship participants must observe precautionary measures.
- Precautionary measures include:
 - wearing mask at all times except, when rendering their part in the program
 - each participant will have their own microphone to use during the service
 - no handshakes, hugs, touching
 - no crowding in the hallways
 - everyone is encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizers
 - hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building
 - screening of all individuals or participants before entering the church
- Other precautionary measures include:
 - thorough cleaning before and between services
 - interior doors will remain open to limit touching of door handles

- use separate doors to enter and exit the establishment when possible
 - post signages reminding everyone about strict precautions
 - guidelines for reopening Fil-Am Cap Church will be posted on the church website
 - no group singing to render special music except pre-recorded part
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SECOND PHASE (JULY)

INDIVIDUALS

No elderly and those with underlying health conditions are allowed.

- Elderly: individuals ages 65 and above
 - Underlying high-risk conditions according to the CDC include: DM, COPD/chronic lung disease/moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, chronic disease undergoing dialysis, liver disease, severe obesity with a BMI of 40 or higher, immunocompromised individuals-poorly controlled HIV/AIDS, cancer treatment, smoking, prolonged use of steroids, bone marrow or organ transplantation.
 - Also includes individuals who have either flu or infected with Covid-19.
 - Healthcare workers who have direct exposure to Covid-19 patients.
 - Pastor Ramon Baldovino is exempted, and thus allowed to be in church.
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GROUP/CLASS

Maximum of 50 persons are allowed in the building.

- Seats will be arranged accordingly to continue to adhere to strict precautions.
- All individuals will be screened before entering the church.
- Chapel will be utilized to accommodate excess of individuals.
- No elderly or vulnerable individuals can congregate at this time.
- Mark spots at the parking lot to promote distancing. Use cones to block areas. May remove cones only when needed.
- Deacons and deaconesses, with the help of youth and young adults, will be stationed in certain areas to control the crowd and the flow of traffic.

- Screening tool will be used, and canopy will be set up outside near the main door for screening purposes.
- Only the main door will be used as the main entrance. The door in front of Uncle Al's office will be only used as an exit. All other doors will remain closed except for an emergency.
- Excess individuals that can't be accommodated either in the church or in the chapel will be accommodated by Noel Lisay in our parking lot.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING**Moderate physical distancing is observed**

- Moderate distancing: defined as 3-4 feet apart.

NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL**Non-essential travel will resume**

VISITORS**Visitors are not encouraged at this time**

CHILDREN**Children are not allowed in church**

- No kids are allowed to participate in church services.
- Kids may gather in small groups at home as long as they observe precautions.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**Fellowship lunch will not be provided**

- No water dispenser in the fellowship hall.
- Bottled water/juices are available for those who need it.
- Members can come with their own food – precautionary measures must be observed during fellowship.

WORSHIP SERVICE**Livestreaming will be continued for the worshippers at home**

MATERIALS**No bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, pens, etc. in the sanctuary**

- Bulletins will be circulated ahead of time through email or text messaging.

COMMUNION SERVICE**No communion service done at this time**

SABBATH WORSHIPPERS**Everyone in church should adhere to strict precautions**

- Precautionary measures include:
 - wearing mask at all times except, when rendering their part in the program
 - no handshakes, hugs, touching
 - no crowding in the hallways
 - everyone is encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizers
 - hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building
 - properly wash hands
 - screening of all individuals before entering the church
- Other precautionary measures include:
 - thorough cleaning before and between services
 - interior doors will remain open to limit touching of door handles
 - use separate doors to enter and exit the establishment when possible
 - post signages reminding everyone about strict precautions
 - guidelines for reopening Fil-Am Cap Church will be posted on the church website
 - no group singing to render special music except pre-recorded part

THIRD PHASE (AUGUST)

INDIVIDUALS

Elderly or vulnerable individuals are allowed with physical distancing

- They are encouraged to continue wearing mask at this time.
 - Elderly or vulnerable individuals will be seated in one area inside the sanctuary to promote strict precautions.
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PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Limited physical distancing is observed

- Limited physical distancing: defined as 2-3 feet apart.
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POTLUCK/FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

No general potluck

- Individuals can bring their own food and may fellowship together as long as they maintain precautions.
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GROUP/CLASS

Small group meetings are allowed in church

- Everyone must continue to observe strict precautions.
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CHILDREN

Children meeting in church will be revisited for further discussion

COMMUNION SERVICE

Communion service done will be revisited for further discussion

Note: *The timeline for implementing the stated guidelines will be flexible according to the development of the pandemic, and / or the mandates set by the local, state and federal government.*