



## Update on SCC COVID-19 Closure

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The Southern California Conference leadership and Coronavirus Intervention Committee (CIC) have been diligently monitoring the state of this pandemic, including the latest directives from local and state governments to ensure that we are doing all we can for the safety of our employees and our members.

The conference entities addressed below will continue to operate as outlined in this document until the Office of the Governor rescinds or revises the current stay-at-home order. The direction given below applies to all SCC churches, regardless of the county in which they are located.

### Conference Office Headquarters

The SCC office will remain closed to the public, and conference office personnel will continue to work remotely to the extent possible. This means that [we will continue to be available to you via email and phone](#).

### Churches

As far as SCC churches are concerned, we maintain the mandate, in accordance with the state of California, that churches cannot yet hold in-person services. While we are all eager for the day when we can congregate together again, this day is not here yet. SCC leadership and the CIC have intentionally chosen to remain cautious while working to develop the safest and most effective reopening protocol for the SCC territory. We do not want to rush reopening, as we recognize that it could mean the difference between life and death for vulnerable members of our constituency.

Livestreaming and recording for church services continue to be acceptable as long as total attendees present to facilitate the livestream do not exceed 5 people, and strict social distancing and infection control practices are observed at all times. There should be no in-person audience for livestreamed services. We have seen encouraging and inspiring creativity in ministry during this pandemic, and we look forward to the way our churches will continue to innovate while we are operating in this virtual environment. We will keep you updated as we formulate a reopening protocol. Thank you for your commitment to ministry in the Southern California Conference during this challenging time.

### Schools

All preschools in California are regulated by county departments of Social Services and Public Health. At this time the only preschools allowed open are those who serve the children of essential workers. One of our SCC preschools, LAAA Discoveryland, is currently open and is serving these families. The remaining six preschools have been engaged in deep cleaning, painting and improving their centers while waiting for a directive from the appropriate regulatory agencies to

reopen. As soon as the order is given, the preschools will be ready to serve their communities. Our preschool directors are also very aware of regulations that address procedures surrounding cleanliness and sanitation, preventing the spread of infection, pick up/drop off procedures and other critical processes. They have developed detailed plans to comply with these directives. Once open, these preschools will be well-equipped to once again serve their communities with high-quality Christian education.