

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Salt Church
275 Keira Street, Wollongong
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This COVID-19 Safety Plan has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Public Health Order (No 3) and is applicable to Salt Church, 275 Keira Street, Wollongong.

General Safe Health Guidelines

As per the NSW Health guidelines we would ask anyone (adult or child) who is unwell or displaying possible COVID symptoms to remain at home and make use of our online-streaming if they are interested in participating in our gatherings. For those who attend, we will encourage them to allow for 1.5m social distancing with others outside their household. These expectations will be communicated via email, social media and by displaying signs at the entry of our premises..

Capacity Limitations and Safe Health Processes

The capacity of our gatherings will be limited as per the current guidelines from NSW Health. For 4m² of floor space at 275 Keira St this equals 95 people plus staff, for 2m² this equals 190 people plus staff. Physical distancing of children is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. However, we will encourage leaders of children's programs to maintain 1.5m social distancing from parents and each other during these programs. People will be counted upon entry and the number of attendees will be capped once capacity has been met.

We will provide a range of spaces for attendees to gather in before and after gatherings to reduce crowding and promote physical distancing. As parents drop-off and pick-up their children from programs we will encourage them to maintain appropriate social distancing from each other.

We will set chair rows at a safe distance from each other and encourage one/two seat gaps between other people who are not a part of their household. We will create clearly signed pathways for parents to check-in and check-out their children from kids programs in order to reduce crowding.

Where singing is allowed by members, we will provide people with the opportunity to further space themselves if singing. Where singing is only allowed by performers, band members will maintain a safe distance between each other and the congregation.

Signage will be placed at the premises with details of capacity limits and instructions on good hand hygiene practices. Hand sanitiser will be provided at the door and near any food we serve. We will ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels.

We will clean frequently used areas with disinfectant (including wiping surfaces) prior to each church gathering or church event. Disinfectant solutions will be maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Staff and volunteers will wash hands thoroughly before and after cleaning with soap and water.

When masks are mandatory, we will ensure all who are required to wear them do. When masks are recommended we will encourage all adults to wear a mask whilst attending a church gathering within 275 Keira Street. We will have masks available for those who do not have one but wish to wear one.

We will continue to stream an online gathering for those who may be a part of high-risk demographics or unwell. This can be viewed at www.youtube.com/saltchurch

Children and COVID-19 Safety

All leaders will wash their hands with hand sanitiser or soap and water at the start and end of the program, and before eating. All children attending the programs will be encouraged to do the same, at the same times. Used toys and equipment will be cleaned with disinfectant before and after children's programs.

Where reasonable, we will provide disposable cups for the children's programs and parents will be encouraged to supply their own snacks for their children. Where food is provided by Salt Church, we will serve it in individual serving portions.

Record Keeping

We will require all participants in our Sunday gatherings to provide name and mobile number as they enter the premises. We will make the Service NSW QR Code available, as well as providing a physical place to record details for those who would prefer non-electronic means. We will record attendance of all children at Salt Church programs and gatherings.

These records will be kept digitally in a secure location on the Salt Church file server. Unless otherwise requested these will only be used according to the Public Health Order (No 3) 2020 Part 3 guidelines.

We have provided staff with information and training on COVID-19, including when to get tested, physical distancing, cleaning and the COVIDSafe app. This has been communicated to staff through email and ongoing staff meetings. Staff are aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or are required to self-isolate.

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