



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

The Central Third of California

Preparing for Outdoor Worship

This form should be sent to Rev. Angela at dioadmin@diosanjoaquin.org

Please note: If mailed, this could delay your start date due to mail delivery and receiving times. Please email.

Congregation: _____ City: _____

Anticipated start date for in-person worship (the earliest acceptable date is **November 8, 2020**):

- We have, using appropriate tape or chalk, marked areas outdoors where people may be seated, accounting for social distancing of a minimum of six (6) feet
- We have determined what audio/visual equipment may be needed and made accommodations
- We will prepare a bulletin which can be downloaded electronically by parishioners in advance. If paper is used, it will not be shared between gatherings, but rather recycled after each gathering.
- We have masks and hand sanitizer available in various locations for parishioners
- We have prepared signs for requiring masks, bathrooms (and buildings) remain closed, programs such as bible study/adult education/Sunday school remain online only
- We have communicated with congregation about protocols, expectations and pre-registration
- We will begin experimenting with outdoor worship by following the Morning Prayer or Liturgy of the Word for 30 days
- We have met with clergy and other altar party members to understand seating and movements at the altar to allow for social distancing
- We have met with Vestry/BC/Chapter to review protocols and guidelines
- We have met with ushers/greeters to review protocols and guidelines and empowered ushers/greeters to politely, but firmly enforce protocols
- We have met with staff/volunteers to review protocols and guidelines
- We have developed appropriate signage for entryways and high traffic areas with local health department information
- We have developed a plan for contact tracing (sign in sheet, greeter/usher using directory for "attendance", pre-registration) so that should someone become ill, the Health Department can assist with notifying the congregation