

## Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) COVID-19 Response

To help protect FMBC members, staff, and visitors per the [State of California COVID-19 Guidelines and Mandate for Places of Worship](#), FMBC has put into place the following COVID-19 Response through the shelter in place or stay at home order:

1. Remote worship experiences, meetings (i.e., prayer, ministry, fellowship), and bible study will take place predominantly utilizing web-based media services and hosting sites. Mass mailings and the [church-wide calendar](#) will be communicated through the FMBC Administrative Office (FMBC Admin Office) to keep the membership informed of upcoming events. To verify that your contact information is up to date in the FMBC database contact the **FMBC Admin Office at (707) 648-2005, x301 or email [office@befmbc.org](mailto:office@befmbc.org)**
2. Until orders are modified, it is essential that all possible steps be taken to ensure the safety of FMBC members, staff, volunteers, and visitors. Key prevention practices include:
  - a. Physical distancing recommended within places of worship to the maximum extent possible,
  - b. Encouraged use of [properly worn face coverings](#) by those entering the sanctuary and other buildings on the FMBC grounds. Face coverings are mandatory when the ability to safely social distance six feet apart or more cannot be accomplished
  - c. Frequent handwashing and regular cleaning and disinfection
  - d. Informing members, staff, and volunteers of these and other elements of the FMBC COVID-19 Response by posting in public places near inside entrances and on the [FMBC website \[www.befmbc.org\]\(http://www.befmbc.org\)](#)
  - e. Maintain, as able, prevention supplies including but not limited to; masks, gloves, cleaning/disinfectant supplies, and hand sanitizer/refills

The impact of COVID-19 on the health of Californians is not yet fully known, transmission is deemed most likely when people are in close contact or in a poorly ventilated area with an infected person, even if that person does not have any symptoms or has not yet developed symptoms. As such, **beginning March 22, 2020**, FMBC implemented the following protocols, which exceed the mandate in support of contact tracing, to immediately work with public health authorities to halt the spread of the virus:

1. Closely monitor and limit persons entering the sanctuary and other buildings on the FMBC grounds continuing until the order is lifted. The identified point of contact for this oversight is the **FMBC Church Administrator, Minister Sundria Sam (707) 648-2003, x301**. A detailed listing of dates, events/meetings, and participating ministries will be maintained utilizing the above FMBC Admin Office information.
2. Stay up to date with Cal/OSHA safety and health-related regulatory guidance and [state/local](#) orders, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. [Cal/OSHA has additional guidelines on its webpage](#) as well as [the Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
3. Maintain for requesting individuals, the latest links to state, county, and local information. Supply to the **FMBC IT Director Steven Smedley**, who maintains the [FMBC website](#), the latest links to state, county, and local information.