

CICC STATEMENT ON COVID-19 (Revised 7th July 2020)

We love you and want you to know that we continue to be with you in this time of crisis. In the light of the current situation in our state and in the light of raising concerns in Victoria, we would like you please to consider the following:

1. From the fifth of July 2020, public services have resumed at CICC. This has been made possible by the lifting of restrictions and by our submission of an approved **COVID SAFE PLAN**. **There is no need to book your seat** as under the plan the size of the church makes it possible to cater for our normal services. **You are very welcome to return to worship with us. In fact, we are sure you will find this to be a wonderful uplifting experience as we renew our corporate worship. THERE IS NO NEED TO FEAR YOUR RETURN SINCE MANY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY.**

2. However, things are not quite the same as they were before the advent of the virus. **While we love every one of you we ask please that if you are unwell, or if you have been to Victoria in the past two weeks, or have been in recent contact with someone from Victoria,** that you choose to remain at home and participate in the service on line. If your contact from Victoria has isolated **for a full two weeks after arrival in SA** and has **subsequently returned a negative COVID test**, then of course they will be welcome to attend, **provided they have no respiratory symptoms**. Please understand that we do this out of love.

3. When you come you will notice that you will be required to practise social distancing as outlined by the Prime Minister, with family groups (including children in that family) or individuals **sitting and standing at least one and one half metres** from other individuals and family groups. There will be **no handshakes, no hugging, and no kissing please**. But yes, you can still sit with your wife or husband and kids. **PLEASE TAKE SOCIAL DISTANCING VERY SERIOUSLY INDEED. Please do not allow your children to roam freely though the church.** We ask the families to help the children to realise that they must stay together in their family groups during church.

4. Children's ministry, **K Force and Children's Ministry**, is planned to **re-commence from the 12th of July**. However, that date remains flexible at this stage. For the safety of the children the baby care areas in the rear of the main auditorium **will remain closed for the time being. Please do not allow children to use any of the church toys there, or in the children's church area downstairs, also for the time being.**

5. Services will generally run for one hour, beginning at 11:00 am. Please plan to arrive on time at 11:00 am or before if you can.

6. When you arrive, please use the hand sanitizer provided.

7. You will be asked to register your attendance. This is not a government plot, or even a trick by the antichrist.. These details are kept safe by church staff and will only be used if it becomes necessary for health authorities to **trace contacts in the unhappy event that someone who has been at church has later tested positive for COVID 19. It is actually an act of Christian love to sign that register** since it could well be used to save a Christian brother's or sister's life.

8. Tithes and offerings. We encourage those who have been giving online either by direct credit or through the website to continue to do so. In addition, there will be baskets at church to receive your cash offering if that is your desire. The cash is sanitized before counting. The expenses of the church, including the support of Pastors, paying rent, paying bills etc. will still go on. The easiest way to pay your tithe will be on-line at the Website (cicc.org.au) using a credit or debit card, via the **"Give Here"** button at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, you can pay directly into the church account using direct debit. Account details are: **BSB: 06 5000. Acct: 1124 6015.**

9. Let's covenant to help each other, love each other, and not get cross with each other. We are all in this together. Let's treat each other with the deep love and respect that comes from being brothers and sisters in Christ.

With much love,

**Pastor Ralph Legge
(Senior Pastor)**

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