

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
COVID-19 Reopening Screening and Reservation Policy (June 30, 2020)  
Addendum A

Dear St Demetrios Parishioner,

Thank you for taking a few minutes to become familiar with important questions related to your health during the COVID-19 pandemic. This letter describes St. Demetrios' reservation policy. It also describes the online and in-person process for making reservations for attending services, explains the COVID-19 screening process, and provides important definitions related to the reopening.

The reservation process and screening questions are important to assess the health status for yourself and/or household members for whom you are requesting a "household reservation". Health screening for COVID-19 is necessary to help assess your and your family's health and wellness and to ensure the safety of all attending and participating in services at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. The *Health Screening for COVID-19 Questionnaire* is based on federal and state government rules, as well as guidance from King County and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. ***The responses you provide will not be saved or stored to protect your privacy.***

**DEFINITIONS:**

**"Individual Reservation":** A reservation made for ONLY ONE person. You may make an individual reservation for yourself, or on behalf of another person.

**"Household Reservation":** A reservation made for all members of a household. This commonly includes members of a family. Household members will be able to sit together without social distancing. Each individual in your household who will be attending will need to be listed, and will be required to respond to the Health Screening for COVID-19 Questionnaire questions.

**"Household members":** people who are living under the same roof.

**"COVID-19 symptoms":** symptoms that may represent infection with COVID-19, which include but are not limited to:

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| -Fever                        | -New or worsening shortness of breath |
| -New or worsening cough       | -Flu-like body aches                  |
| -New or worsening sore throat | -New loss of taste or smell           |

**"Positive screening":** 1 or more reported "yes" answers to the Health Screening for COVID-19 Questionnaire.

**“Negative screening”**: answering “no” to all of the questions on the Health Screening for COVID-19 Questionnaire.

**“Fever”**: Measured temperature  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ); or Feeling feverish even if temperature is not measured.

## **HEALTH SCREENING FOR COVID-19**

When will I be asked the screening questions for myself and/or household members?

There will be 3 times when COVID-19 screening questions will be asked, informally or more formally, prior to attending church services, and includes:

1. The time of your initial reservation request (Individual or Household Reservation);
2. Reservation confirmation 48 hours prior to church services (on MESH App or over the phone with church office staff); and
3. At the Welcoming and Screening Station prior to entering church on the day of services

### **How do I request a reservation for services?**

St Demetrios Church has developed the MESH App in order for parishioners to make reservations for themselves and/or household members on-line. To register, just send an email [reopening@saintdemetrios.com](mailto:reopening@saintdemetrios.com) with the following information:

- Your First and Last Name
- Your Email (this will be your username)
- Your Mobile Phone (required for registration)

An email will be sent to you with instructions on how to signup and login.

For those parishioners unable to use the MESH App, reservations will be available by calling the church office at 206-631-2500. After making the initial reservation request via phone, the requesting parishioner will be contacted approximately 48 hrs. prior to the requested service.

### **How does the process work for getting an “individual” or “household” reservation for services?**

Parishioners making an individual reservation or those making a reservation for their household (i.e. “household reservation”), will be first asked to be familiar with COVID-19 screening questions when requesting a reservation on the MESH App or over the phone with a church staff member. This will give the parishioners time to identify if there are currently any potentially sick persons included in their reservation, and give the parishioners time to reach

out to their primary care/medical provider or urgent care for further medical assistance. A volunteer medical provider (doctor, nurse) from the St Demetrios Reopening Committee may be available to help answer questions, but cannot provide medical advice or treatment.

A formal COVID-19 screening will take place 48 hours prior to the requested Church service. The person who initially requested a reservation will be notified by email via the MESH App. At that time, the parishioner will be asked to complete the Health Screening for COVID-19 Questionnaire on the MESH App on behalf of himself or herself and all members of the household if making a household reservation. This formal screening is important to ensure the person making the reservation, and/or his or her household members planning on attending services, have not developed any COVID-19 symptoms or been exposed since the time of the initial reservation request.

Those with a “negative” screen will be able to confirm the reservation. Those with a “positive” screen will not be able to confirm the reservation or attend the requested service. Individuals with a “positive” screen should follow up with their primary care/medical provider.

A third, brief health screening—including an external, non-touch forehead temperature check—will be completed prior to entering Church on the day of services, at the Welcoming and Screening Station. You and your household party will be asked by a volunteer medical staff if either you, or a person in your household, has been sick in the last 24 hours. Those responding “no” will be allowed to enter services.

If a parishioner reports feeling ill, and or has an elevated temperature per the federal and county guidance, the parishioner and his or her household group will not be permitted to enter Church. The person feeling ill or with an elevated temperature, and all household members, should return home and contact their primary care/medical provider as soon as possible. A medical volunteer from the Church Reopening Committee will be stationed at the Welcoming and Screening Station to help answer questions.

To complement the reservation process and screening protocol, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church wants to remind all parishioners of the importance of:

1. Practicing social distancing at all times while attending church services;
2. Wearing a mask or facial covering at all times; and
3. Using hand sanitizer before entering and while attending services.

## Health Screening for COVID-19 Questionnaire

Health Screening Questions	“Yes” response to 1 or more questions defines a “positive screening”	“No” response to all questions defines a “negative screening”
Do you or any of your household member currently have a fever? Measured $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) or feel feverish	Yes	No
Have you or a household member <b>tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 30 days?</b>	Yes	No
Have you or a household member <b>had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?</b>	Yes	No
Have you or a household member had a <b>fever in the past 14 days?</b> Measured $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) or feel feverish	Yes	No
Have you or a household member had <b>new or worsening shortness of breath in the past 14 days</b>	Yes	No
Have you or a household member had a <b>new or worsening cough in the past 14 days?</b>	Yes	No
Have you or a household member had <b>flu-like body aches in the past 14 days?</b>	Yes	No
Have you or a household member had a <b>new or worsening sore throat in the past 14 days?</b>	Yes	No
Have you or a household member experienced <b>new loss of taste or smell in the past 14 days?</b>	Yes	No

<sup>1</sup> **Close contact:** Within approximately 6 feet of a person with diagnosed COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)

### References and Resources:

1. Seattle Public Health Seattle & King County Additional Information for Religious and Faith-Based Organizations. June 5, 2020.
2. CDC COVID-19 Information. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
3. WA Department of Health COVID-19 Educational Materials. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/.../NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020/HealthEducation>

## **WHAT YOU AGREE BY ATTENDING**

By voluntarily entering St. Demetrios Church, you affirm, on behalf of yourself and all those in your household, that:

- Neither you, nor anyone in your household, is currently ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- You, and your household members, will abide by the social distancing and safety guidelines described in St. Demetrios' policy, in signs at the Church, and in instructions provided.
- You acknowledge and agree, that while St. Demetrios is making efforts to follow the CDC, State, and County safety measures recommended (to the extent they are consistent with our faith and the instructions from the Metropolitan, as understood by our priests), COVID-19 is contagious, and there are significant health risks (including the risk of severe illness, long term impairment, or death) to those who are exposed and infected, especially those who are older and those with underlying health conditions, and you agree that by attending, you and those in your household voluntarily assume the risk of infection, and you understand that St. Demetrios cannot and does not guarantee that its efforts to limit the risk of infection will be effective or will be carried out properly, and as a result, there is a risk of infection for all attendees, and it is your obligation to warn those in your household of the risks.

If you are not able to agree with the above statements, you and the members of your household must remain at home and view the live-streamed services.