

# Prepare the Way International Church

## June 2020 – COVID-19 Policy

**Family Worship: Sundays @ 10 AM**

**Awakening House of Prayer: Mondays @ 11 AM**

**School of Discipleship: Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM**

Worship & Preaching for Sunday and Wednesday services will be broadcast on FaceBook Live from the Prepare the Way International account:

<https://www.facebook.com/PrepareTheWayInternational/>

### **Basis for Resuming Public Worship Services**

**Arizona:** Religious services are exempt as an essential activity because worship is protected under the first amendment of the Constitution. However, the exemption specifies that the services are exempt as long as they "provide appropriate physical distancing to the extent feasible."

State of Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, released a memo "[Application of Executive Order 2020-18 to Religious Worship](#)" which provided the following clarification regarding religious worship and social distancing:

**"Attendance at a church service is an "essential activity" under Executive Order 2020-18. The Executive Order does not impose an absolute six-foot social distancing requirement on essential activities that are constitutionally protected."**

### **Prepare the Way Congregant Guidelines**

**Please watch the service from home via FaceBook Live if:**

- You are exhibiting any flu-like, cold, or viral symptoms such as running fever, chills, cough, sore throat, breathing difficulty, nasal or chest congestion, etc.
- You are uncomfortable with the possibility of coming into physical contact with another congregant at church.

**If you attend service in person, expect that:**

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the sanctuary and disinfectant available in the bathrooms.
- Due to the family atmosphere of our church, the possibility of physical contact (e.g. handshakes, hugs) with another member or congregant does exist.

### **Prepare the Way Service Guidelines**

- Parents have the option of placing their (0 to 2 years old) in the nursery or keeping them in the sanctuary with them.
- Children's ministry (Ages 3-12) will not be offered in June 2020. Children (Ages 3-12) will remain with parents in sanctuary.

### **Prepare the Way Sanctuary Seating Guidelines**

There are no sanctuary seating restrictions being imposed.