

Reno Nevada Stake

Phase 1 Plan - Sacrament Meeting

Beginning 6/28/20

1) Overview

- The purpose of this plan is to provide detailed information on how the Reno Nevada stake will initiate partial attendance at church sacrament meetings for its members. This document is to be a guide for bishopricks on how to ask their members to arrive, socially distance, participate in sacrament meeting, disinfect the church and prepare the building for the next group of saints.
- For this initial phase, the wards will be broken up into 3 groups of 50 or less, based on those most likely to attend church. In smaller ward congregations 1 or 2 groups may be sufficient. For simplicity the stake presidency suggests breaking up the ward into groups by alphabetical order.
- Each Sunday, all groups from each ward will meet for sacrament meeting at their designated church building. Each sacrament meeting will last 30 minutes, with a 30-minute cleaning and member dismissal and arrival period.
- In adherence to government guidelines, during phase 1, we invite members over 65 years of age, those feeling sick, or of higher risk of complications from CoVid-19 to continue to worship and partake of the sacrament from home.

2) Schedule

The following is the schedule for the Golconda and Robb drive buildings:

Ward A	8:00-8:30	8:30-8:45	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:30-9:45	9:45-10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30-10:45
	Sacrament meeting Early session	Sanitize and clear building	Next members arrive and prep sacrament	Sacrament meeting middle session	Sanitize and clear building	Next members arrive and prep sacrament	Sacrament meeting Later session	Sanitize and clear building
Ward B	11:00-11:30	11:30-11:45	11:45-12:00	12:00-12:30	12:30-12:45	12:45- 1:00	1:00- 1:30	1:30- 1:45
	Sacrament meeting Early session	Sanitize and clear building	Next members arrive and prep sacrament	Sacrament meeting middle session	Sanitize and clear building	Next members arrive and prep sacrament	Sacrament meeting Later session	Sanitize and clear building
Ward C	2:00-2:30	2:30- 2:45	2:45-3:00	3:00-3:30	3:30- 3:45	3:45- 4:00	4:00- 4:30	4:30- 4:45
	Sacrament meeting Early session	Sanitize and clear building	Next members arrive and prep sacrament	Sacrament meeting middle session	Sanitize and clear building	Next members arrive and prep sacrament	Sacrament meeting Later session	Sanitize and clear building

	Golconda Building	Robb Dr Building
Ward A	Skyline ward	Canyon Creek ward
Ward B	River Bend ward	Beaumont ward
Ward C	Hunter Lake ward	Peavine Valley ward

The Tahoe North Ward may meet as a complete ward if less than 50 members are expected. The time of this meeting will be chosen by the bishop. (Due to the high level of summer visitors, consider holding sacrament meeting at a time other than 10:00 AM) An usher at the designated entrance should check member's temperatures with a topical thermometer, as required by local regulations. Members with a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees should not enter.

3) Sacrament meeting:

- Sacrament service will be no longer than 30 minutes long.
- No hymn books will be available, so as to reduce touched surfaces.
- Instrumental prelude music and other hymns (opening, sacrament, and closing) may be included as part of the meeting. However there can be no singing.
- No printed programs should be used.
- The stake presidency suggests that the wards have 1 or 2 speakers/ testimonies. These speakers can prepare once and speak for all sessions of sacrament meeting each week or be assigned to different members. (Remember that Sacrament meeting must be 30-minutes or less)
- On fast and testimony Sunday, the general members will not be asked to come up and bear their testimonies. Selected speakers/testimonies for this meeting will be pre-assigned by the bishopric.
- At the beginning of each sacrament meeting, the following instructions should be read to the members over the pulpit:

Under the direction of the First Presidency and the North America Southwest Area Presidency, we are now holding sacrament meetings under "phase 1" restrictions. We have been asked by our Priesthood leaders to share the following instructions with you. Please pay close attention and be careful to obey all of these instructions today and each of the coming weeks for our collective health and safety. When attending sacrament meetings, we encourage all members to sit with their household members only and to practice social distancing from other households. As you enter and exit the chapel, please do not congregate in foyers or other areas before or after meetings. Please exit only through the designated doors.

Out of an abundance of caution and to protect the health and safety of members, the chapel has been cleaned before your arrival.

Priesthood holders involved in administering the sacrament today have received special instructions for cleanliness. The sacrament, performed under priesthood keys, allows us to remember the Savior's sacrifice of His flesh and blood and renew sacred baptismal covenants. It may look different for a while, but the sacred nature of this ordinance remains the same. Thank you for your attention and obedience to these important instructions.

- Priesthood members passing the sacrament should hold onto the trays and use the open pews to access all members desiring to partake of the sacrament.

- In order to Administer the Sacrament in a manner to help keep members healthy and safe, priesthood holders in all cases should follow these general guidelines in the preparation and passing of the sacrament regardless of where it is administered:
 - Priesthood holders who do not feel well should remain at home.
 - Priesthood holders *must* wear face masks while preparing, blessing, and passing the sacrament.
 - Before preparing, blessing, or passing the sacrament, priesthood holders should thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer prior to preparing the sacrament. They should then avoid shaking hands or touching their eyes, nose, or mouth before preparing, blessing, or passing the sacrament. Note: It is important for the congregation to visually see those Administering Sacrament have clean hands
- Priesthood holders should use a sufficient number of trays so that pieces of the broken bread may be separated and so that water cups may be spaced to ensure the remaining cups are not inadvertently touched. A separate tray should be used to retrieve cups from the congregation. Special care should be taken in helping children retrieve the bread and water from the trays.



- Surfaces of sacrament trays, including handles, should be cleaned in the kitchen with soap and hot water, dried and returned to the sacrament preparation area between sacrament meetings.

4) Social distancing precautions:

- All members *should* wear a face mask while at the church and on church premises. Exception is for the speaker while speaking.
- Sacrament meetings should have *fewer* than 50 members at a time.
- There should be a minimum of one open row between each allowing a 6-foot radius between members of different households.
- Kindly request individuals who do not feel well, who have been asked to self-quarantine, or who exhibit any of the following symptoms not to attend meetings: fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, runny nose or sore throat.
- In accordance with government guidelines, members over the age of 65 should be invited to continue receiving the sacrament at home.
- Members should not shake each other's hands or give hugs in order to maintain the 6-foot social distancing radius between members.

5) Logistics

- When members arrive they need to leave a minimum of one (1) car space between each parked car.
- Members should enter/exit the designated doors to reduce risk of contaminating surfaces.

- Other doors should remain locked or blocked off, discretion should be used for any that have special needs or handicapped entrances.
- Leaders will encourage members not to mingle or linger before and after church services (includes inside building and parking lots).
- Signage on doors will indicate Phase 1 opening – attendance by schedule only
- Signage will be placed at the entrance of the chapel reminding members to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Consider using ushers in parking lots to direct traffic, ushers to open doors and help direct households to sit in the chapel with open pews around them.

6) Cleaning/Sanitizing (each ward to clean after themselves)

- Sanitary procedures.
 - i) Leaders should ensure that buildings are thoroughly cleaned after each set of meetings, especially areas that are touched, such as:
 - Doorknobs
 - Light switches
 - Water fountains
 - Microphones
 - Pulpits
 - Pews
 - Restrooms
 - Sacrament Trays/preparation area
 - Organ/piano
- Signage:
 - i) Wash hands for 20 seconds in bathrooms.
 - ii) Social distancing outside the chapel.
 - iii) Phase 1-attendance by schedule only on outside doors.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in meetinghouse foyers.

Reference:

<https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/multimedia/file/safely-return-to-church-meetings-activities-guidelines-2020.pdf>