

RE-OPENING THE ESPANOLA VALLEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
613 Bond Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532
SEPTEMBER 2020 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The Espanola Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church (*the EVSDA Church*) will re-open to provide services to its members and visitors in its sanctuary on September 5, 2020. The New Mexico Department of Health has set the following guidelines to prevent infection and lessen risks of COVID-19 infection, which is transmitted through respiratory droplets.

- Wash hand frequently with soap and water, or if water is unavailable, use alcohol-based hand rub;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing;
- Maintain at least six feet distance from non-family members;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- Wear a face covering in public spaces except when eating, drinking, or upon medical advice;
- Stay home if you feel unwell or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever	Diarrhea	New widespread muscle pain
Sore Throat	Confusion	New loss of taste and smell
Dry cough	Headaches	Red or purple toes
Chills	Nausea or vomiting	New bruising, redness, swelling or cramping in lower legs & feet

Concern for the health, safety, and well-being of the EVSDA Church members and visitors is of primary concern. As such, it is the intent of the EVSDA Church leadership and its members to adhere to, and comply with, the above-listed government guidelines as closely as humanly possible. Following are the rules and procedures the EVSDA Church is implementing to re-open the church and God-willing to continue to remain open.

These rules and procedures will be re-assessed in a few weeks. Any suggestions for improvement will be welcomed and considered. The cooperation of everyone with intentions of attending services in person is very important in order to avoid contagion, maintain health and safety, and to be able to continue to meet in person without incidence:

1. First of all, we are respectfully requesting that anyone experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please refrain from physically attending any of the Church's meetings in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of others.
2. Church meetings will also be available on Zoom using the same I.D. used for past meetings. If you have misplaced the meeting I.D., please call Diahann Cordova (505-901-1348) or Carmen Payne (505-753-2691) for it.
3. All attendees, except children two (2) years and under, will be required to wear a mask or other face covering while in the building.
4. Attendees will maintain social distancing while moving through the sanctuary. Seating has been arranged to maintain social distancing.

5. Family members will be seated together in grouped seating, and all children 17 and under will sit with the family throughout the service.
6. Handshaking, hugging, and other physical contact with non-family members is highly discouraged.
7. Only the restroom off of the lobby entrance will be available during the service. Sanitizing spray or wipes will be available in the restroom and each person using the facility is asked to sanitize the facilities for themselves before using.
8. Children under 13 are to be accompanied to the restroom by a parent.
9. No food or drink will be allowed in the sanctuary, nor will drinking water be available in the church from the water fountain or kitchen.
10. Attendees will be dismissed one row at a time by a Deacon, beginning at the rear of the sanctuary nearest to the back-exit door, and all attendees will exit quickly out that door to the fresh air outside. "Visiting" inside the closed air of the sanctuary is strongly discouraged due to the manner in which COVID-19 is transmitted.
11. Tithes and offerings will be collected by the Church Treasurer or Treasurer's Assistant as attendees exit the sanctuary;
12. Please review the following statements and if your answer to any one of them is "Yes", please refrain from attending in person until you can answer "No" to the statement:
 - Have you, or any member of your household, currently experienced any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above within the last 14 days?
 - Have you, or any member of your household, been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 30 days?
 - Have you, or any member of your household, knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 30 days?
 - Have you, or any member of your household, traveled outside the country, or to any city outside of our own city that has been considered a "hot spot" for COVID-19 infections within the last 30 days?
13. If, at any time, your answer to any of these questions becomes a "Yes", please call Pastor Pinzon at (505) 879-0508, and notify him of your status so that your church family can pray for you and minister to you in whatever way possible.

We have all been waiting and praying to return to gathering together to worship the Lord in the Church Sanctuary. Please provide this document to any family or church members who may not have heard that the EVSDA church is re-opening. It is important that anyone interested in or planning to attend services be aware of this information. If we all follow the health and safety guidelines outlined, we can and will avoid any situation, God willing, where we will be required to close the doors again.

God Bless You All,
Pastor Jerry Pinzon and
The EVSDA Church Board