

## Instrumental Rehearsals

### Guidelines for Instrumental Rehearsals:

Taiko / Bells

10/6/20

According to the Long Beach Safer At Home Order of COVID-19 ( 9/2/20), (1) all persons residing within the City of Long Beach are to remain in their place of residence whenever practicable, (2) all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household are prohibited within the City, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted by this Order, (3) All people residing within the City who are age 65 or older and all people of any age who have underlying health conditions are strongly urged to remain in their residences, except as necessary to seek medical care, to obtain food, or to obtain other necessities.

Church activities are permitted in a modified form, allowing for in-person worship services outdoors, provided physical distancing measures are followed, no food/ beverages are allowed, and there is no singing, chanting, or recitations. Back office staff and management may continue to operate via telework and for minimum basic operations only. “ Minimum Basic Operations” refers to (a) the minimum necessary activities that are needed to “maintain and protect the value of the business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits”; and (b) the minimum necessary activities required to be “able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its service remotely.”

The Reopening Team interprets the meaning of “minimum basic operations” broadly to include instrumental rehearsals for Taiko and Hand Bells. While these rehearsals are not an essential basic operation of the church, they do serve a purpose to bring more familiar elements to our worship service, as it is anticipated their performances will be recorded for use in our live-streamed services.

Recognizing the health risks involved in holding rehearsals for members from different households, these rehearsals must be held outdoors and because they will be held outdoors, daytime rehearsals are recommended. In addition, members must maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distance from each other. To ensure that all members are included in the rehearsals, a Zoom option must be offered for those who wish to participate from their homes.

The Reopening Team recommends permitting Taiko and Hand Bell rehearsals at church with the following guidelines:

1. All rehearsals will take place outdoors.
2. A Zoom option must be offered.
3. All-Campus guidelines will be followed, including COVID-19 training for leaders, reserving space and registration procedures, checking for signs and symptoms, cleaning high touch surfaces, no sharing sheet music or equipment.
4. Participants must sign a COVID-19 release form.

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5. The group leaders only will set up the equipment ( e.g. drums, stands, tables, pads etc)
6. For Taiko, there will be no shouting, in order to help mitigate the spread of aerosols.
7. Participant from different households must maintain at least a 6 foot physical distance from each other.
8. Hygiene practices must be observed ( washing hands/ using sanitizer, no touching each other)
9. All participants must wear masks.