

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church & School Updated Travel Policy, effective June 15, 2021

With the reopening of California's economy on June 15, 2021, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and Preschool is updating its travel policy to align with [the latest guidance issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#).

Please note that the new LA County guidance also aligns with the latest CDC and State of California guidance.

Everyone is asked to:

- Follow CDC [travel guidelines](#). (Note that testing and quarantine requirements differ for domestic and international travel and depend on your vaccination status.)
- Do NOT travel if you are sick, you have a recent positive COVID-19 viral test result, or you are waiting for results of a COVID-19 viral test after being exposed to the virus. You could spread the virus to others.
- Delay travel until you're fully vaccinated. (Remember that "fully vaccinated" means 2 weeks after your 2nd dose of Pfizer/Moderna, or 2 weeks after a one-dose J&J vaccine.)
- No matter your vaccination status, wear a mask while on public transportation or in a transportation hub. It is a Federal requirement.

If you're fully vaccinated, follow the CDC [domestic](#) and [international](#) travel guidance for fully vaccinated people.

- Fully vaccinated people have no testing or quarantine requirements after domestic travel.
- There is a testing and quarantine requirement for fully vaccinated people after international travel. See the CDC links above for details.

If you're not fully vaccinated, but choose to travel, follow the CDC [domestic](#) and [international](#) travel guidance for unvaccinated people.

- There is a testing and quarantine requirement for all unvaccinated people after domestic and international travel. See the CDC links for details.

If you are traveling with children who are not or cannot get vaccinated at this time, follow recommendations for unvaccinated people and choose the [safer travel](#) options.

IMPORTANT: *In keeping with this emphasis on SAFER TRAVEL OPTIONS, as previously announced, SOV will not require a quarantine for families where one or more person is unvaccinated, who travel within California or to other states by private vehicle, provided the entire family is asymptomatic and no one has been informed of a potential exposure to COVID-19 while on the trip.*

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A TRIP PLANNED:

- Review the guidance above based on your destination and your / your family's vaccination status.
- If you will be required to test / quarantine after your planned travel, please let our office know so that we can assist you with any support needed.
- Preschool families must inform the office about all travel plans, so that we can determine if there will be any requirements for testing or quarantine before your student returns to the classroom.
- Church and School staff should contact their immediate supervisor.

To keep our church and preschool communities safe, please note that this travel guidance is extended to guests in your home:

- If you have a guest staying overnight in your home, they should follow the CDC guidance above, based on where they travelled from and their vaccination status.
- Fully vaccinated guests in your home, who travelled domestically, have no testing or quarantine requirement.

- If you have an unvaccinated guest staying in your home, we ask that all members of your household stay home from Shepherd of the Valley until your visitor's testing and quarantine requirement is met. Preschool families for whom this is the case should contact the office for further direction.
- Note: In keeping with our previously announced travel policy, this requirement does not apply if an unvaccinated visitor staying in your home arrives by private vehicle AND is asymptomatic AND has not been informed of a potential COVID-19 exposure.
- If your guest is not staying in your home (i.e., they are staying at another residence or a hotel) your family is not required to quarantine.

We realize that limitations on travel have been a hardship on all our families and we want everyone to be able to travel and enjoy vacations. Thank you for your cooperation.