



# A Pastoral Letter on COVID-19 (1 Oct 2021)

## Seeking God, step by step, out of this pandemic

Dear Family of God in ARPC,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus' glorious name. I pray and hope you are well.

As we all know, there has been a worrying surge in COVID-19 infections in Singapore. The latest update is about 2200 new daily infections as of yesterday (28 Sep). As such, the Government has understandably implemented a "Stabilisation Phase" with tightened social interactions and increased safety measures.

In the light of this COVID-19 spike and uncertainty of the future, these are the changes to our weekend Services for Oct 2-3 and Oct 9-10.

1. We will retain the Sunday 9 am onsite Services at both ARPC@Adam and ARPC@Bishan while continuing with our Virtual Live Streams.
2. There will be no Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 11.30 am Services.
3. Our New Members Services (NMS) - scheduled for October - will be postponed until November (or when our Government "relaxes" the rules, whichever happens first).
4. Our Mandarin Ministry (MM) - where the majority are elderly - will be holding virtual Services in October.
5. Our BASIC (Youth) Ministry will continue to meet onsite on Saturday at KCPSS in Bishan while providing virtual ministry.
6. Our Discipleship Groups (DGs) will meet virtually.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and pray for your understanding. We know there are no silver bullet arrangements for church, school or work in this ever-evolving pandemic.

We humbly look to Jesus' supreme Lordship yet tender care of us as our Good Shepherd to live lives worthy of our calling so that we may shine the light of Christ even in the midst of darkness.

For God's Glory,  
Senior Pastor Christopher Chia  
for our COVID-19 Core Team

### Some Guidelines for Church Services during this Stabilisation Phase:

1. MCCY's criteria of fully vaccinated:
  - a) Someone who has received the full regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty, Moderna or WHO EUL vaccines, with an additional two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective.
  - b) A person who has recovered from COVID-19: This means your Trace Together app must reflect "CLEARED" before you can join the service.
  - c) A person who has obtained a negative result on a pre-event test taken in the past 24 hours before the expected end of the event.
  - d) Those above 60 and children under 12 are strongly encouraged to attend virtual services. Seniors are encouraged by the Government to have their boosters.