

Dear VICF family,

From **Sunday 22 August, 2021**, there are REVISED guidelines for our VICF Sunday services which will still be continuing weekly from 16:00 at Minttu and will also be livestreamed via YouTube for those unable to attend physically.

We want to take care that we follow the recommendations given by the government enabling everyone's health and safety.

Please follow these guidelines:

1. If you belong to the risk group, consider very carefully if you should attend.
2. **If you have any flu-like symptoms or other symptoms like sore throat, headache, runny nose, etc, unfortunately YOU CANNOT ATTEND our service.**
3. **Masks** – we strongly recommend using a mask in our services for all aged 12+.
4. **Entering the church premises** – there will be VICF ushers at the carpark entrance to Minttu, allowing a maximum of 25 people to be seated in the main hall of the church building. Afterwards, these doors will be locked, and from the street entrance, another 25 people will be allowed in to be seated in the balcony area of the church.
5. **Exiting the church building** – depart from the church building promptly through the same entrance you entered and keep a distance of 2 metres from others.
6. **Disinfect your hands immediately** upon arriving at the Minttu church. Avoid all unnecessary touching of door handles, etc. We will try to keep all doors open to avoid touching them, except the bathroom doors. **Take very good care of keeping your hands clean!**
7. **Upon sneezing or coughing, please do so into your elbow/arm sleeve or into some other cloth material to be disposed of immediately.**
8. Remember to **maintain a significant distance** with others – there is to be no handshaking or hugs!
9. **In church, you will be seated on every second church bench. People sitting on the same bench must be at least 2 m from each other.** Family members may sit together. **Please ensure your child is seated still next to you throughout the service.** No children should be running around at all.
10. **Only max. two people at a time may use the bathrooms** to avoid crowding these facilities.
11. We ask that before and after the service, there be **no unnecessary hanging around to socialise in the church hall or the foyer.** Come in promptly and leave promptly.
12. **Sunday school** – Dolfins (ages 3-6) will meet online via Zoom; Cool groups will meet downstairs at Minttu.
13. The nursery room, "Nooan Arkki" is closed.

14. Tithes and offerings will continue to be collected via the online option, as well as using your bankcard via iZettle during the service.
15. There will be no fellowship time after the service. The kitchen is closed.

We are uncertain how long these restrictions will last, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible, but for now, please follow these instructions carefully to enable us to continue our services in a cautious way.

With regards,
VICF council.