

29 June 2021

Hi El Shaddai Family

ESCC AND LOCKDOWN LEVEL 4 REGULATIONS

In line with the current changes to lockdown regulations, which do not permit any sized gatherings, the following changes have been implemented to our ministry life with immediate effect.

1. Sunday morning services will not open for in-person services.
2. PM service, on Sunday evenings, will not open for in-person services.
3. Youth Gatherings, on Friday evening, will not open for in-person services.
4. As far as possible, all ministries will move to online platforms.
5. Cell Groups will continue to meet, but we advise using online platforms to stay in contact.

Our services will all be available online!

We will continue to stream all our services to our YouTube channel. So, you will be able to participate online. Access our YouTube Channel [here](#)

Cell Groups will continue!

Please stay committed to your cell group. Although the lockdown regulations have not specifically prohibited gathering in homes, we strongly advise you, given the high transmissibility of the delta variant, to move your cell group back to an online platform for the coming month.

We will continue to provide you with resources to use in your cell group. Next week we complete THE PRAYER COURSE. Once that is completed, we have planned a 2-week period for the cell to connect relationally and encourage one another, either in the group meeting or as your leader guides.

Pastoral Needs!

We are here for you. All our pastors are available to assist as we can. If you need help, please talk to your cell leader and they help you contact your Pastor who is there for you.

Don't forget your friends and neighbours!

The smallest effective unit of a church is 2's and 3's. Level 4 is unable to stop the church from being the church 😊 We need each other. Every day, take time to connect to and encourage a friend or someone around you. Think intentionally of someone from your workplace or gym or someone down the road in your neighbourhood group.

Our building may be closed but our church is definitely OPEN! The Church is not about a building! We are a *family*, not a fortress! El Shaddai is so much more than an in-person weekend service!

This is not an easy time and, of course, we'd prefer to celebrate together. It seems that this desire may still be a long time away.

Gratefully, we have our cell families which can meet, if not in-person then online. Please be intentional about your fellowship with your cell family. We will be supporting your groups with excellent resources for your encouragement and growth.

Keep focused on FACE TO FACE: Time with God each day and time with another person. God's Kingdom spreads as a movement in 2's and 3's across the city, draws together as family that meet in homes and celebrates in community. It's only the latter we are unable to do at the moment. Be encouraged!

If you have any questions, please speak to one of our pastors or email info@escc.co.za. We are looking forward to seeing you in-person very soon as we celebrate God's goodness.

With much love

Bruce, Judy, Elders and ESCC staff.