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Dear Magnolia Church,

In our services the last two weeks, I have been asking you to pray that our county would remain in the “Red Tier” that allows indoor gatherings. With the continued spike since moving to this tier, Riverside County has now been downgraded back to the “Purple Tier” which places us back where we were for so many of the weeks of navigating through the coronavirus of 2020. The good news is that we live in Southern California, which has weather that is much more conducive to outdoor gatherings than in other regions of the country. So, here is the plan, starting this Sunday, as we are working diligently to provide for the continuance of our mission to lead people to become authentic followers of Jesus Christ:

1) We are keeping the 9 AM and 11 AM service times on Sunday mornings. We will be moving back outdoors into the Courtyard with an enhanced worship experience.

2) Because we still have 1,500 to 2,000 joining us online, we will continue to provide livestreaming of the 9 AM and 11 AM services at live.magonline.com, recorded inside, while our congregation is seated outside with a video wall and a live pastoral host in the Courtyard. Please let us know if you're coming in person at magonline.com/rsvp.

3) Since we only stayed in the “Red Tier” for a few weeks, we will stay outside until we are nearing the criteria to move into the “Orange Tier,” which will prevent us from going back and forth between the “Red Tier” and the “Purple Tier.”

4) We will continue to take every precaution possible to provide a meaningful worship experience while employing the safety precautions of RSVPing to reserve your spot, temperature checks, face coverings and social distancing to prevent as much as possible the spread of this virus among our attenders.

Magnolia Español will be announcing a similar plan to move outdoors this week. The details are being planned right now and will go out to the Spanish-speaking congregation this week as well.

I know this is disappointing to many of you; it certainly is to me. But we are continuing to see God at work at Magnolia. Just this past Sunday, we had two professions of faith following the in-person gatherings, and two in the online gatherings. We are still helping more people in benevolence than ever before. We will still gather outdoors for a hymn sing this Saturday. We are still distributing over 100 food boxes this Friday like we have done the last three weeks. We still have our Guest Chief ministry providing a meal for those in the women's shelter this Sunday. We have already met our goal of \$15,000 given to the California Mission Offering ahead of schedule as we will help reach our state for Christ. The list goes on and on. God is being glorified and we are still responding to His assignment of the Great Commission. I can't wait to see what God is going to do in the next chapter. I will look forward to seeing you this Sunday in the Courtyard or online.

In Christ,

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