



Church Reopening Protocols

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Before you leave for church:

1. **At-Risk Populations** – If you are in one of the groups that is most at-risk for COVID-19, we would encourage you to carefully evaluate if this is the time to do in-person church. We will continue our online services and would rather have you safe watching from home than to risk your health at an in-person service.
2. **Health Check** – Please do not come to church if you are sick or experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19. If you are running a fever of 100.4 or greater, please stay home as well. Again, we will have our online services up and running. Please take care of your health and help those you might come in contact with stay healthy too. You must also stay home if you have come into close contact with a person who currently is infected with COVID-19.
3. **Masks** – Please bring a mask from home for each person in your family over the age of two (2) who will be attending church. They are required in the parking lot as well as inside the buildings. If you do not have a mask, we have a limited supply of them and would be glad to provide one.
4. **Bathrooms** – Our bathrooms will be open, but we would encourage you to use the bathroom at home prior to leaving. We will need to monitor the flow into and out of our bathrooms, so the home option may be a lot more convenient for you.

Arriving at the church:

1. **Parking** – We generally do not have enough room in our lots to “socially distance” our parking. Please make sure that you maintain social distancing (six feet) from those around you when exiting your car and walking up to the buildings.
2. **Social Distancing** – The guidelines are to maintain six feet of distance from those outside your family group. This means that we would ask that you do not congregate in the parking lot. We all want the human interaction back, but we just need to be careful a while longer to protect everyone as best we can.
3. **Entering the building** – If there is a line at the door, please maintain social distancing. You will be asked if you’re healthy and also have the opportunity to use hand sanitizer. We will take your temperature with a touch-free thermometer. If your temperature is 100.4 or higher you may not be allowed to enter the building.
4. **Coffee and doughnuts** – At this time we will not have any coffee and doughnuts or other food available. You are welcome to bring your own. Hopefully this restriction will be lifted quickly.



In the worship center:

1. Socially-distanced seating – You will be able to sit with your family unit. The ushers will help you find appropriate seats for the number of people in your group. All seating will be at least six feet away on all sides from other groups.
2. Masks – None of us really like to wear these, but we are asking that you keep yours on the entire time you are inside the building. Even while singing. This is for the safety of everyone around you. Please think more highly of their health, and a little less about your preferences or rights. It will help us all get through this a lot easier.
3. Children – At this time, your children will need to remain with you for the entire time they are at church. It is also requested that they not play with other children (like that's really possible). We know this is terribly inconvenient and unrealistic and are hopeful that we will be able to offer services for children again within a few weeks.
4. Offerings – We will no longer pass the baskets to collect offerings. There will be boxes near the exits where you can leave your offering, with envelopes available. You can also continue to give online, which we would strongly encourage.

After the service:

1. Fellowship Time – This is probably one of the most difficult things at the beginning. We will ask everyone to leave the worship center soon after the service. In order to maintain social distancing, we can't have the sweet fellowship times we are used to for now. That will hopefully change soon. For now, please work with our ushers as they guide you out of the building.
2. Cleaning and Disinfecting – After everyone has left the building, we will disinfect the worship center, bathrooms, and any other area that has been used with approved chemicals and methods.
3. Parking Lot – The guidelines ask that we not congregate in the parking lot area. We encourage you to follow them but are not going to attempt to enforce them. Please have consideration for those who may be at risk or are concerned about contracting COVID-19.