

RETURN TO CHURCH

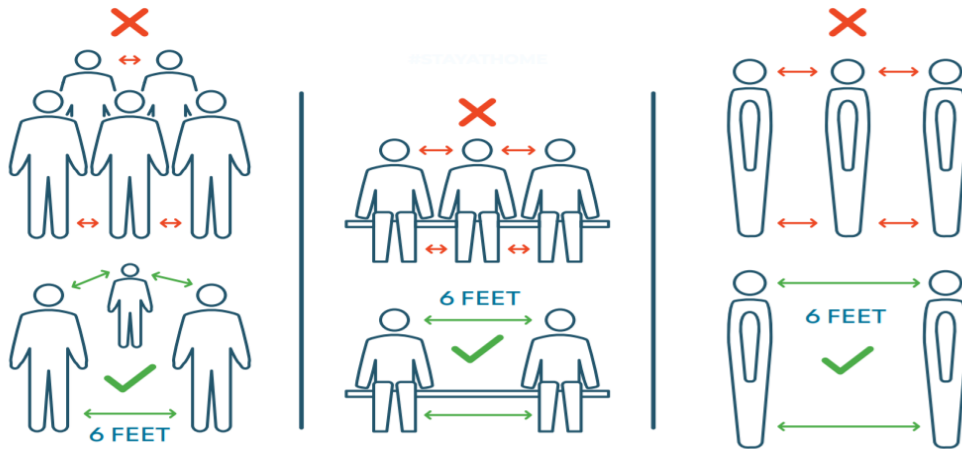
Plan and Policies

For the past few months, while we have been concerned for religious liberty, we have followed the guidance of our government for the safety of others and moved to an on-line platform for our services in order to practice social distancing during the COVID-19 breakout. We all desire safety as instructed by government leaders and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and we desire to obey the command of Scripture to assemble and worship (Hebrews 10:25). We believe church is essential! Let's work together to make this happen for the glory of God and with a right testimony to those who have not yet trusted Christ as Savior.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL OUTLINE PLAN MEASURES AND POLICIES WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS:

- ✚ Please use the south-facing doors (doors facing the park), rather than the front doors. The doors will be held open, so no one has to touch the doors on their way in the building.
- ✚ Signs will be posted at all entrances stating that individuals with COVID symptoms should not enter.
- ✚ Each person coming into the building will be given sufficient hand sanitizer to guarantee, to the best of our ability, that each person enters with sanitized hands.
- ✚ We will have no choir or orchestra until further notice.
- ✚ We will have all songs on the power point for those who do not want to use hymnals. Hymnals will be sanitized and available for individuals who want to use them.
- ✚ We will cancel the Sunday School hour to eliminate extended interaction outside of corporate worship and prayer.
- ✚ Morning coffee fellowship time will be cancelled until further notice.
- ✚ We will not have a nursery. Children will sit with their parents.
- ✚ We will not have Children's Church. Children will sit with their parents.
- ✚ We will not pick up children for church who attend without their parents.
- ✚ We ask families to sit together rather than with other people.
- ✚ We encourage people to keep sufficient distance (at least 6 feet) between them and others who are not part of their family.
- ✚ Ushers will seat people, alternating rows and maintaining distance between family units.
- ✚ At the end of the services, attenders will be dismissed in a controlled, orderly manner maintaining social distancing.
- ✚ There will be no gatherings at doorways.
- ✚ Attenders are encouraged to promptly leave the building and refrain from fellowshiping at the end of the service.
- ✚ We will not be distributing a service bulletin or printed outline. We will continue to communicate announcements to the church family via email, website, and facebook.
- ✚ Ushers will wear masks when unable to maintain a six-foot distance from others.
- ✚ We encourage people not to group in numbers greater than 10.

6 FEET SOCIAL DISTANCING



SHOULD YOU WEAR A MASK?

- ✚ For those who are old enough and medically able, facemask/covering **will be required for congregational singing** (We will have extras available for those in need.)

Who Is at Risk?

Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications

**Due to the dangers related to COVID-19, we are asking all members age 65 and older and members of all ages who have underlying health conditions such as breathing conditions, cancer treatments, suppressed immune systems, etc, to please stay home and continue worshipping via livestream*

IF WE BECOME AWARE THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IN A SERVICE BECOMES ILL, WE WILL FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES:

- ✚ We will ask the person to stay home and seek medical care if needed. Persons should stay at home for at least seven days' after symptoms started AND three days after symptoms are improved and fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- ✚ Any areas we determine the confirmed COVID-19 person visited will be sanitized.

THE SANITIZATION OF OUR FACILITIES

The Church auditorium, restrooms and other areas will be clean and sanitized before Church services.

We encourage our church family to be in contact with our elderly members for the purpose of helping them, if needed, take care of simple tasks like grocery shopping, picking up pharmaceuticals, etc., and to encourage them during this time of social distancing.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website, April 2020
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>