



State of the Church as We Plan Phase One

1. We will begin Phase One Sunday May 17th with 2 services. One service at 9am and the other at 11am. Please understand the services will be shorter, no bulletins, no offertory (will place offering plates or buckets on the way out as we exit the church building). Please use the bathroom prior to coming to church (the FLC), the bathrooms will be open for emergencies ONLY. Our utmost concern, other than worship, is to keep all of us safe. With that in mind, we are implementing all the Mandatory Requirements to gather and Best Practices.
 - a) If you are high risk for age or health reasons, we urge you not to attend our gatherings. If you have fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or exposure to a COVID-19 case in prior 14 days, you will not be permitted in the facility. We will continue to live stream on Sunday mornings.
 - b) Those who will gather, we encourage you to wear masks if that makes you feel more comfortable. Keep in mind the worship team will not be wearing masks for obvious reasons.
 - c) The services will be held in the Family Life Center to provide the following:
 - i. Control the flow of traffic to maintain social distancing (1 entrance, 1 exit).
 - ii. To provide enough space for chairs to maintain social distance (families will be able to sit together but only 3).
 - d) Please note: We will not be offering nursery or child care during Phase One for social distancing reasons. For little children we will provide sheets for coloring, etc... while they sit with their parents/families. We encourage families with young children to have one parent stay home with the children while the other attends and then the next service the other parent may attend.
2. We ask everyone to plan on arriving at the church 15 minutes early to provide time to maintain social distancing as we enter and time to use our hand sanitizing station at the entrance and exit.
 - a) We will all enter in the same doors, the 2 double doors at the back of the FLC. Form a single file line 6 feet apart (we will have it marked).
 - b) We exit the church after the service, in sections, out the automatic double doors that are in the foyer between the 2 buildings. We exit the building practicing social distancing. All other doors will be locked! There will be a hand sanitizing station at the exit.
3. During Phase One we will not be offering Sunday School at the church. If classes are willing to meet online using Zoom or some other platform we will train you on how to do so. If you are willing to lead a Zoom small group please let Pastor Eric know and we can assist you in starting that group.

So, what are we doing to ensure a safe environment? Mandatory Requirements:

1. We will gather with less than 50% occupancy. Thus, 2 services in order to provide enough space for social distancing.

2. People attending the gatherings will be seated 6 feet apart and must practice social distancing at all times (sorry, no hugging, handshakes, elbow shakes, etc...). Wave and speak 6 feet apart. Family members may sit no more than 3 together.
3. We encourage all to wear face masks that cover the mouth and nose.
4. No items of any kind will be passed between attenders. There will be no coffee or using the water fountain. Please bring your own water bottle if needed. And as stated earlier, use the bathroom prior to coming to the church facilities.
5. We have and are continuing to thoroughly clean and disinfect the FLC (doors, handles, bathrooms, chairs, tables, etc...). You name it, it has been sanitized. We will clean chairs and door handles prior to, in between, and after each gathering.
6. Posted signage to provide public health reminders about social distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Signage posted that states no one with fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days will be allowed inside the facilities.

Best Practice We are Implementing:

1. Facilities have been and will continue to be disinfected before, between, and after services.
2. We are using separate doors for entry and exit.
3. Any interior doors that need to be used will remain open so no touching.
4. We will have hand sanitizing stations at the entrance and exit.
5. Do not feel obligated to be here. If you are concerned, stay home where you will be most safe. We will live stream the 9am service.
6. We are having multiple services in the FLC to allow for plenty of space for social distancing.
7. Our goal is have service last between 45-60 minutes to prevent the need for restroom use.