

## NBC COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

We are excited and eager to begin meeting together again! This time of quarantine has taught us many lessons, not the least of which is how much we long to be together, in each other's presence (Heb. 10:23–25). While technology lessens the blow to some degree, our unity as a body is most deeply experienced in each other's physical presence.

Along with the anticipation of meeting again also comes with the responsibility to do it as safely as possible. Therefore, we have put several guidelines in place to comply with general recommendations, as well as to create an environment that feels safe for everyone to attend Lord's Day services.

Please take note of these guidelines below.

### (1) Before Deciding to Attend

- If you are feeling unwell, have a fever, any associated symptoms for COVID-19, or think that you may have come in contact with someone suspected or confirmed to have the virus we ask that you continue to worship from home.
- If you are uncomfortable with the risk, we are working toward continuing live stream. However, until this is available, the messages will continue to be accessible from the website.

### (2) Sanitization.

- The church facility will be sanitized/disinfected *before* and *after* each service. This will include all doorknobs and handles.
- Hand sanitizers will be conveniently placed throughout the church and in the main sanctuary.
- Clorox Bleach Wipes will be located in each of the bathrooms. We ask that you use one of the wipes on the stall handles and toilet handles before and after use (remember to dispose of in trash and not the toilet).

### (3) Social Distancing.

- Two separate locations will be designated for entering and exiting the church.
  - **Entrance** into the church will take place through the usual front doors.
  - Exiting the church will be through the exit door at the end of the hall near the nursery.

- When entering or exiting the sanctuary we ask that you follow the direction of the ushers and that any individual or group either enter or exit at any one time.
- Seating in the sanctuary will follow a pattern of alternating rows.
  - This means that each person/family is to begin seating at the end of a row, with each subsequent person/family in that row maintain a distance of six feet.
  - The rows behind and in front of the row with people will be left open and the previous pattern will be followed—i.e. each person/family sitting at the end of the row with each subsequent person/family filling in that pew maintaining a distance of six feet.
- Although there is limited space in the hallway, we ask that each person try to pass another by walking next to the opposite wall.

#### **(4) Face Masks.**

- We ask that each person wear a face mask in the halls and while seated in the sanctuary.
  - Since this has been a general recommendation from the state, we assume that each person has a mask already. Please bring this mask with you when you come to service.
  - If you should forget, we do have a *limited* number of masks available.
- If you have a medical reason, or find it difficult to breathe, you may remove your mask, however, please replace it when in the hallway.

#### **(5) Limited Ministries.**

- For the time being we will limit our Sunday gathering to the main worship service.
  - There will not be adult SS classes, children's church, or nursery.
  - Parents with children are asked to sit with them in the sanctuary or watch the service from the hallway or listen in adult SS room, allowing for the maintain of 6ft distancing.
- Presently, we will continue to have special music, but refrain from congregational singing until further notice.

