



# RETURN TO CHURCH

Plan and Policies

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# Intro



It is imperative that Wayside Chapel return with proper patience, understanding, and Biblical conviction.

Church members and workers are urged to read this document in order to participate in upcoming services.

We all desire safety as instructed by government leaders (Roman 13), and we desire to obey the command of Scripture to assemble and worship (Hebrews 10:25).

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.



# Section One: High-Risk Individuals

Because of the dangers of COVID-19, we are encouraging 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 continue worshiping via drive-in service or facebook livestream, at least initially.

## **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



# Section One: High-Risk Individuals

- 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.

- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease



# Section Two: Social Distancing

## **DO**

Wear a mask (Optional)

Wash your hands before and after services

Stay six feet from others

Cover your coughs or sneezes

Visit hand sanitizer stations frequently

## **DON'T**

Shake hands

Hug others

Come to church if you are sick

Touch your hands, nose, and mouth

Leave trash in the Sanctuary or Lobby



# Section Two: Social Distancing

## **Volunteers**

With the help of our volunteers, we will be observing these distancing policies:

- Parking lot attendants will wear masks.
- Ushers will wear masks.
- Attenders and ushers will maintain social distancing of six feet at all times, from the time we drive onto the property and exit our car until the time we get back into our cars after the service.
- Sanctuary doors will be propped open to avoid the touching of door handles.
- Ushers will seat attenders before the services. Families will sit together. There will be sufficient spacing between families.



## Section Two: Social Distancing

- We will sit every third row.
- At the end of the services, ushers will dismiss attenders in a controlled orderly manner maintaining social distancing. Ushers may need to direct people to a specific exit door. There will be no gatherings at doorways or large indoor areas, i.e. breezeway or lobby.
- We will not be distributing a service bulletin. We will continue to email bulletin announcements to the church family.
- No coffee or food will be shared on campus.
- After the services, people needing prayer may utilize the prayer-room while observing social distancing guidelines. The prayer-room can only accommodate approximately 3 people under these new guidelines.



# Section Three: Facility Sanitization

## **Facility Janitorial/Maintenance**

- Every worker, staff member, and/or volunteer performing cleaning tasks will be required to wear a mask and gloves while working at all times. New gloves will be put on after completing a restroom or area of the building.
- Only cleaning products provided by the ministry will be used. Approved cleaning products use these chemicals: Isopropyl Alcohol, Nonionic Surfactant, Quaternary Ammonium Chloride.
- Every worker, staff member, and/or volunteer will adhere to the six foot social distancing rule while working.

## **Entry Doors/Lobbies**

- Handles to all entry/exit doors are being sanitized before and after service.
- Handles to all restroom and closet doors are being sanitized before and after service, and once an hour during services.
- Counters, tables, Guest Service Counters, staircase rails, and all lobby furniture is being sanitized before and after each service.
- Drinking fountains are being sanitized before and after each service.
- Sanitizer stations are cleaned, checked for functionality, and refilled before and after each service.
- Light switches are sanitized before and after service.
- Facial tissue will be available in the lobbies and restrooms.



# Section Three: Facility Sanitization

## **Restrooms**

- Cleaning schedules are posted on the wall inside each restroom.
- Every worker, staff member, and/or volunteer performing cleaning tasks will be required to wear a mask and gloves while working at all times. New gloves will be put on after completing each restroom.
- Toilets, urinals, and sinks will be sanitized before service and after. We are encouraging members to please use the restroom at home before heading to church.
- Counters and surfaces will be sanitized before and after service and once an hour during services.



# Section Four: Services

We anticipate rolling out our services in incremental steps as guidance is received.

In the event of resurgence of COVID-19, or another pandemic, we will use similar philosophy going forward.

Also, depending upon governmental and medical guidelines, we could change the schedule, and we will communicate these changes as clearly and consistently as possible.

## **Saturday Drive-In Service**

- We will continue to offer our Drive-In service for those unable to meet Sunday morning.
- The Drive-In service will take place on Saturday at 7pm.
- The message will be the same at both services.

## **Sunday Morning Service Schedule**

- We will see how our 10:30 am service works, and then go from there.
- Each family will be separated by 6 feet from the next family.