

The state has granted a request by Arapahoe County to deviate from the current Coronavirus measures. The state has agreed that houses of worship “may allow for 50% of the posted occupancy code, not to exceed 175 people in a confined indoor space with a minimum of 6 feet distancing.”

Based on this decision, the elders have determined that we will continue to have a single service on Sunday mornings with no in-person restrictions. Anyone who wishes to come is welcome. We will continue to have a Zoom element to the service to accommodate those who need to remain at home.

The expectations and protocols for our service are effectively the same as before but do have some minor adjustments. I have underlined those adjustments to make them easier to spot. Please review ALL of these protocols prior to coming to services on Sunday.

- **If you are sick or have been exposed to anyone who may be sick, please remain at home and seek guidance from your physician before attending worship services at the building.** This is not a request.
- **If you consider yourself to be in a risk group**, either because of age or because of other underlying conditions, we strongly encourage you to continue worshipping with us using Zoom for the time being.
- **Arriving at the building.** Please plan to arrive earlier than normal so that we can get everyone seated without congregating in the foyer. We will arrange seating in every other row (as we did that first Sunday) to maximize the distancing between families. One of the elders or deacons will be providing direction if there are any questions. Hand sanitizer will be made available at the front door and everyone is strongly encouraged to use it.
- **PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).** Those in attendance are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings during the duration of the service but may consider removing masks when seated at least 6 feet away from other groups. ***We will require masks in all areas where social distancing is not possible (i.e. anytime you are not seated in the auditorium). We will also require that everyone wear a mask when we sing.***

We recognize that for some, wearing masks poses a risk to personal health and safety. For those individuals, we ask that you enter the building through the doors by the classrooms on the West side of the building and be seated in the overflow classroom on the West side of the building.

We also have been made aware that there are those who need to be masked during the entire worship service and need to take greater precautions in situations where masks may not be required by others. In order to accommodate this, we are reserving the East side overflow/classroom for those individuals. The entry door on the East side of the building will also be reserved for those who need to take this extra precaution.

We will have masks available for those who don't have them.

- **Facilities.** The restrooms will be open. We strongly encourage you to try and avoid using them if possible and use appropriate distancing if you do. The drinking fountain will be unavailable.

- **Lord's Supper.** We will be providing pre-wrapped individual Lord Supper portions as you come into the building. Please let us know how many you need when you come into the building. We will also be providing baggies for you to use to dispose of the waste when you leave in trash cans in the foyer.
- **Giving.** We will have contribution trays available on the back table for you to contribute as you enter or leave the building.
- **Singing.** We are planning on singing as part of our worship to God. This is one of the things that we are commanded to do when we come together to encourage one another. We recognize that there are many who feel that there are additional risks associated with singing, and we have taken that into consideration. There will be no song books available. Songs will be on the overhead as normal. We will ask that everyone wear a mask while we sing.
- **Dismissal.** Because we have more people in the building, we will be dismissing by section. Please do not leave your seats until you are dismissed. Once dismissed, please go immediately outside to the parking lot so that we are not congregating in the foyer. Please do not leave anything behind. Take everything with you when you are dismissed. Parents, once you are outside of the building, please monitor your children so that they do not re-enter the building.
- **Classes.** We are not resuming in-person classes at this time. We are still in the process of determining the best approach. We are looking at what the government is recommending, how the schools are dealing with the virus, and how the parents are feeling. We will update everyone as we figure this out a bit better.
- **Please be aware and respectful of others.** This may be the most important one, and it applies to all of us. **Just because we feel safe doesn't mean others do as well.** Please be aware that not everyone feels comfortable shaking hands or hugging. If in doubt, please ask first. Please also be aware of your children and the way they interact with other children, ensuring that they are also following the recommended protocols.

As we have said before, our expectation is that everyone makes decisions regarding their own personal health and safety. If you do not feel comfortable with anything written above, you are encouraged to remain at home and attend via the Zoom service.

Thanks to everyone for your input, suggestions, and especially the encouraging words and prayers. We always recognize that we may have not considered everything, so please do not hesitate to let us know if you have questions or concerns.