



Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and [having] a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of [our] hope without wavering, for He who promised [is] faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as [is] the manner of some, but exhorting [one another], and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:19-25 NKJV

Our Philosophy

The decision to reopen The Church Family Fellowship's doors was not taken lightly or rashly decided. This decision was developed out of much prayer and discussion, Scripture reading and patience to hear God's voice to lead us.

The Church Family Fellowship has executed our due diligence to the best of our abilities to honor our local authorities while maintaining our obedience to our God, His Word, and the leading of His Holy Spirit. We firmly believe the church is an essential service to our communities, especially during this time of virus infection/transmission uncertainties. We are not necessarily looking to be put on the same level as other "essential" businesses, we could argue that the church is more important because it is God's ordained means by which we preach the saving Gospel, disciple believers and minister to the soul. The church's mission is transcendent, that is why it is vital that we open our doors.

Respect and Protect

It is our goal and great desire to do all we can to protect all the people who attend with common-sense measures to prevent the spread of all possible illnesses including the present COVID-19.

It is well known that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread in various ways to others by infected persons who have few to no symptoms and are not aware they are carrying the virus. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk.

Because of the hidden nature of this threat, we are asking everyone to follow, to the best of their ability, out of respect to their Brothers and Sisters, the following practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and controlled reopening of The Church Family Fellowship. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. Therefore, with compassion and caring for each other, we should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, especially those who are most vulnerable.

SECTION 1 - HEALTH CONDITIONS



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.

- 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

As a precaution, we ask that those of you planning to attend a worship service do the following *before* departing for the church:

- *Take your temperature. Anyone who has a fever should not come to church out of courtesy to your church family.*
- *Wash your hands thoroughly.*
- *Use the restroom to minimize the use of bathrooms at the church.*

If we become aware that someone who has been in a service becomes ill, 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. Persons should also stay home 48 hours after being exposed to a sick child.

Because of the dangers related to COVID-19, we are encouraging that all members age 65 and older (generally speaking, *although this number is being debated*), 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 through the link on our website.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website, April 2020

SECTION 2 - SOCIAL DISTANCING



Signs will be posted around our church campus and shall be observed by members and guests on return to campus.

No one should plan to attend services who is known to have had any contact with a known COVID-19 confirmed case.

Members are encouraged to wear a mask until further notice and to maintain six feet of distance when speaking to one another.

To simplify this process, the following practices shall be observed:

DO

- Wear a mask (encouraged)
- Wash your hands before leaving your home
- Stay six feet from others
- Cover your coughs or sneezes
- Visit hand sanitizer stations frequently
- Use the restroom before leaving your home

DON'T

- Physically touch (e.g., handshakes, hugging, “fist or elbow bumping”)
- Come to church if you are sick
- Touch your face, nose, mouth
- Leave trash in the sanctuary

We will be observing these distancing policies:

- Attendees 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.
- We will use a common sense approach to maintaining a safe distance from others.
- Discretion will be used in assessing the health of volunteers before they enter the church, utilizing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Church staff and helpers will be required to wash their hands before entering the church and use hand sanitizer once they enter.
- Please follow all signage inside and outside the building.
- Families will sit together. This will facilitate implementing social distancing in an organized manner.
- Sanctuary doors will be propped open to avoid the touching of door handles.
- A secure offering box is located in the rear of the sanctuary. You are also encouraged to use online giving.
- No coffee or food will be served or shared on campus.

SECTION 3 - SANITATION OF FACILITIES



Entry Doors / Foyer:

- Handles to all entry and exit doors will be disinfected before and after each service
- Handles to restroom and Family Room doors will be disinfected before and after each service.

Restrooms:

- Attenders will be encouraged to use the restroom in their home prior to coming to church.
- We ask that parents accompany grade school children to the restroom. Do not let them go on their own.
- Every staff member and/or helper performing cleaning tasks will be required to wear a mask and gloves while cleaning.

Sanctuary:

- Doors entering and exiting the sanctuary will be propped open to alleviate the need to touch the door handles.