

WPC Reopening Phased Plan

(Please note: all of this is subject to change. Last updated September 1, 2020.)

The Reopening Task Force will meet regularly to consider updated data/information and will issue new recommendations to the session as appropriate. The Reopening Task Force will consider following metrics in moving from one phase to the other: Tarrant County spread level, COVID-19 hospitalizations, COVID-19 emergency room visits, positivity rate, methods of treatment, testing availability, and vaccine development and availability, as they make recommendations to the Session.

Phase One (out of the water)

- Weekly worship is online only.
- Gatherings and meetings are online only.
- Session, pastor, and other leaders actively reach out to make sure our members are healthy, cared for, and receiving any help they need.
- NEW DAY uses the building, following health and hygiene guidelines, limited to scheduled small groups.
- Funeral services are limited to 10 people in-person.

Phase Two (toe in the water)

- Weekly worship continues online.
- Smaller connect groups may meet in-person socially distanced.
- Virtual gatherings, activities, meetings, and conversations continue as needed, especially for larger Connect groups and for children and youth.
- Bring janitorial service back weekly.
- Staff back in the office on an as-needed basis.
- Funerals limited to 30 people.
- Prepare the sanctuary for in-person worshipers to watch online together (limited to 30 people).
- Prepare in-person worshipers by publishing WPC safety/hygiene guidelines, including but not limited to:
 - Please stay home and join online worship if you're sick and/or have traveled outside the state in the past 14 days.
 - All worshipers must wear a mask and answer a few health questions in addition to having their temperature checked.
 - No congregational singing or reciting, and no physical passing of the peace.
 - No passing of items such as offering or communion plates.
 - Common-touch items (like hymnals) removed.
 - Carefully organized entry and exit procedures; controlled hallway access.
 - Please exit the building as soon as the service is over.
 - Social distancing of 6ft apart maintained at all times.
 - Sitting in family units with a minimum of six feet from other family units.
 - Recommending all at-risk population (65+, and/or underlying conditions) to join online worship at home.
 - No church coffee or shared snacks.

Phase Three (waist deep in the water)

- Weekly worship online continues, and high-risk persons are encouraged to join online worship at home.
- Unlimited in-person attendance for worship, with WPC guidelines (see above) followed.
- Unlimited funeral attendance, with WPC guidelines (see above) followed.
- The office is open for our usual hours (8:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday-Friday).
- Kids and youth meet in person, with extra adults on hand to assist with hygiene habits, social distancing, and masks.
- Continue weekly janitorial service.
- Connect groups & Sunday School classes (limited to 50 people and under) may meet in-person socially distanced, including as part of their covenant a shared understanding of best practices for hygiene and safety. High-risk persons are encouraged to remain at home and join virtually.
- Virtual gatherings and meetings continue as needed
- The building remains closed to outside groups.

Phase Four (total immersion)

- All ministries back up and running!
- Virtual options remain available for some ministries.
- Outside groups are welcomed back to campus.
- We have a big party.

Comments and feedback are welcome.

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