

WPC Reopening Phased Plan

(Please note: all of this is subject to change. Last updated April 2, 2021.)

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 receive 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 to be available online via YouTube.
- In-person worshipers can **watch YouTube worship together** in the sanctuary, following the WPC safety/hygiene guidelines, including but not limited to:
 - Please stay home and join online worship if you're sick. Please also stay home if you're unvaccinated and have traveled by public transportation in the past 10 days as required by the CDC.
 - All worshipers must wear a mask.
 - No congregational singing, and no physical passing of the peace.
 - No passing of items such as offering or communion plates.
 - Carefully organized entry and exit procedures; controlled hallway access.
 - Please exit the building as soon as the service is over.
 - Social distancing of six feet apart maintained at all times.
 - Sitting in family units with a minimum of six feet from other family units.
 - Recommending at-risk population join online worship at home.
 - No church coffee or shared snacks.
- 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 after a deep clean.
- Staff back in the office on an as-needed basis.
- Funerals limited to 30 people.

Phase Three (waist deep in the water)

- Unlimited in-person attendance for **live worship**, with WPC guidelines (see above) followed.
- Weekly worship online continues, and at-risk persons are encouraged to worship at home.
- The office is open for our usual hours (8:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday-Friday).
- 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. At-risk persons are encouraged to remain at home and join virtually.

- Kids and youth meet in person, with extra adults on hand to assist with hygiene habits, social distancing, and masks.
- Unlimited funeral attendance, with WPC guidelines (see above) followed.
- Continue weekly janitorial service.
- 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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