

Health & Safety COVID19 Strategic Plan

Providing a clean, safe, healthy environment for worship.



- 1) **We will rise to the occasion** and learn how to be the church during this crisis. The ministry of the church is needed now more than ever. It is our prayer that we lead with faith and wisdom under the guidance of the Spirit.
 - a) We are in a Global Pandemic and things have to be done a certain way to help keep people healthy and safe. This is new to everyone: therefore, we need to proceed with a well-informed approach.
 - b) Social Distancing mandates and limits on mass gatherings will determine much of what we do.
 - c) All in-person ministry has to be approved by Pastor Aaron. No exceptions.
 - d) **We will support the local food bank**, Write Martha's Mission on your tithe envelop or select Martha's Mission in Givelify.
- 2) **Sanitizing** will be an important part of everything we do moving forward.
 - a) There will be a sanitizing/cleaning team which will be ongoing. Keeping the church cleaned and sanitized is a very important ministry during this time. This will determine how safe people will feel coming to church.
 - b) Follow CDC cleaning & disinfection guidelines.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
 - c) Greeters & kids workers wear masks?
 - d) Temp checks for volunteers
- 3) **Practice of preventive actions** and promote personal responsibility
 - a) Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - b) Use hand sanitizer when washing hands is not an option.
 - c) Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
 - d) Limit close contact with others as much as possible (about 6 feet).
 - e) Stay home when sick, have been in close contact to someone who has COVID19, or if you feel vulnerable or unsafe
- 4) Continually assess our **state/county/local guidelines** and requirements, and to comply with them.
 - a) We will be able to meet in small groups at first. And then larger numbers as we progress thru the phases
 - b) At this time we are planning on proceeding with on-campus ministry in step with guidelines/recommendations that are given to us by the Church of God and government.
- 5) **Simplify**
 - a) Remove everything nonessential from open places to limit surfaces for potential contamination and do a thorough cleaning in between uses.
 - b) Simplify processes to minimize contact.
- 6) **Touchless**
 - a) Make as many things non-touch as possible. Ex. greeters open doors, suspend passing out bulletins and passing around offering plates for non-touch options.
 - b) Smile and wave instead of hugs and shaking hands
 - c) No snacks during kids ministries.
- 7) **Online Ministry** is vital
 - a) Those who are sick are encouraged to stay home and worship with us online
 - b) Those who do not feel safe and/or are more vulnerable can continue to worship online until they feel comfortable attending on campus services.