

# BACK TO CHURCH (INSIDE)

## Should you attend in person?

Please consider your risk factors and comfort level. Online worship will still be available every week, as well as opportunities to connect with others outside of worship:

- Online Faith Groups
- Pray with the Pastor over Zoom every Wednesday at noon
- Phone, text, or Zoom a friend
- Ask a pastor if you need help connecting

Each week, consider your health status and recent activities:

- Do you have a fever, new loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath? If so, please remain home to rest and recover. For additional symptoms and recommendations for when to return, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- Have you traveled out of state recently, especially to any high-risk states? If so, please worship from home for a minimum of two Sundays. For a current list of high-risk states, visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/COVID-19-Travel-Advisory/>

If you do attend in person and later find that you are positive for COVID-19, please contact the church via email or phone so that we can assess together who may have been in close contact with you.

## What about masks?

The statewide mask order is still in effect for children age 10 or older inside a public space ([Governor DeWine Issues Statewide Mask Order, Travel Warning](#)):

- We ask that congregants wear a mask inside the building and will provide one for those that do not have one.
- We respect those with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from wearing a mask. However, if you fall into this category, please understand that this may put you or others at greater risk for COVID-19.
- Children under 10 are not required to wear a mask, but are welcome to do so if it makes them more comfortable.

## What will attending church look like?

- Doors will be ready and open for you when you arrive at the church building.
- A greeter will smile behind their mask from 6 feet away and an usher will be available to help you find a seat that is spaced appropriately from other families or individuals.
- Handouts and books will not be out on display, but greeters or pastors would be happy to get you what you're seeking, whether a gift book for yourself or a friend or a booklet about a specific topic.
- Hymnals, Bibles, and paper bulletins will be removed, but signs will provide information for accessing Wi-Fi, as well as the online bulletin and contact form. Lyrics will return to the screen.
- While the nursery will not be "officially" open, several toys are available for play in the lobby while watching the service and the nursery itself has a quiet space for nursing moms and diaper changes.
- There will be no children's church initially, but personalized busy boxes can be provided, if needed, for regularly attending children, as well as take-home busy bags for visiting children.
- Parents, please remind your children not to play on the stage.
- The service will be kept to no more than 1 hour.
- Those on the sanctuary stage preaching or leading in worship will stay back from the edge of the stage and a plexiglass screen will be used so that they can lead without a mask (as permitted by the state mask mandates).

## What other precautions are being taken?

- Touch-free hand sanitizer stations will be available
- Each restroom has been updated with an automatic soap dispenser
- Ensure good airflow with fresh filters for the ventilation system, sanctuary windows cracked for fresh air exchange, and main sanctuary doors open.
- When serving communion, masks and gloves will be worn by those serving pre-packaged communion.
- All high-touch areas will be wiped down between service and second hour classes, as well as a disinfecting spray of the sanctuary chairs.
- The worship team equipment will be cleaned/disinfected after each service.

## Are there Bible classes available?

- While class sizes are small, adults and children are meeting indoors (with distancing and masks), but may meet outside when the weather is nice.
- The High School class is meeting by Zoom.
- A Zoom "check-in" and Bible lesson are available for all children remaining home on Sunday morning.
- The Adult class is available live on Facebook for adults at home to participate.

- Those who wish to fellowship during second hour are encouraged to do so outside or with sufficient distancing within the sanctuary and lobby areas.
- Teachers will be asked to wipe down classroom surfaces following class with Clorox wipes or a disinfecting solution.

*The development of these guidelines is based upon recommendations from local authorities and medical professionals within our church family.*

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