

To: Society of RFMC  
From: The Board of Administration  
Date: March 21, 2021  
RE: Society meeting follow up

Dear Friends of the Robinson Free Methodist Church,

As we all are aware, Covid 19 has dramatically impacted the life and culture of our church. In the past year we are proud to have responded accordingly, using common thought and guidance in developing a strategy to mitigate the virus. God has been our helper. As no one contracted the virus as a result of being here, we are grateful to God and for all the help we received to thrive in this uncertain season.

Since January of 2021, the case load in our county has drastically increased. This fact, coupled with increased knowledge of the percentage of Illinoisans carrying antibodies due to estimated cases and increased vaccine availability, has led our church community to meet and discuss what our next steps will be. That meeting occurred Sunday March 21.

The decision of the church was to embrace the following.

As of Easter Sunday we will make strides to look ahead, phasing out past covid restrictions in due time as leadership determines.

1. There will no longer be a temperature and registration table. It will be removed. In its place you will be asked to proceed to the Welcome Center and collect a lanyard which will have your name, and the designation of red, yellow, or green depending on your comfort level of community interaction.
2. There will be 7 rows on the left in the Sanctuary that will be designated for those who wish to wear masks. Those rows will be divided into halves by blue tape for the purpose of alternating seating for social distancing.
3. The rest of the sanctuary will be open. We will maintain a maximum limit of 100 for services in the sanctuary until further notice.
4. We will return to our previous ways of conducting communion.
5. We will encourage online giving and allow the plates to remain at the doors of the sanctuary for people to give as they come in or leave.
6. We will continue to encourage hand sanitizer use prior to entering the sanctuary.
7. We will return to a service lasting between 1:15 - 1:30 hours.
8. We will re-establish nursery ministry first, and then move to reestablish kids church.
9. We will return to our Wednesday night youth and children's schedule running simultaneously beginning from 6 to 7:30. There will be no mask mandate.
10. The church foyer will be open for fellowship before and after service.
11. Coffee service will be available as soon as a plan can be evaluated
12. Fellowship dinners will be restarted with consideration of serving to minimize risk of any transmitted sickness.

In short, we are not done with Covid - we are managing it based upon drastically reduced cases in our County. Please consider your part in keeping the church healthy. If you're sick, this week take part in our Facebook broadcast. The same applies if your children are ill. Please help us effectively move in the next season of our lives together.

In Christ,

PA (for the Church BOA)