

GRACE FELLOWSHIP PHASE 2+ ReGATHERING

Understanding that the COVID-19 pandemic has no predictable end date, the Elder Council of Grace Fellowship has approved the following plan to take another step toward restarting more on-campus ministries. Individuals and families must make their own choices as to what is an acceptable level of risk understanding that we cannot eliminate all possible risks; even so, sensible safeguards will remain in place.

The following is a revision of the previously presented Phase 2 plan - **Phase 2+**. Phase 2+ is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 13.

Sunday Morning Schedule

During Phase 2+, Sunday morning Small Groups will meet for an hour beginning at 9:00am with the Worship Service to begin at 10:30am. This will allow a 15-minute window to transition from Small Groups to the Worship Center. If we need to use the overflow seating in the Gathering Space for two Sundays in a row, we will revise our meeting schedule to include a second worship opportunity. We will not reinitiate the fellowship time with coffee or food during this phase. Temperature checks will be done at the door for both Small Groups and Worship.

Basic Guidelines for All Grace Fellowship Gatherings

- Everyone attending should practice social distancing while on the church campus and while attending off campus Grace Fellowship activities. Seating in classrooms and the worship center will be set up to promote social distancing.
- Facemasks are not required but are strongly encouraged both on campus and off campus.
- Temperature checks will take place at the front entrance for Sunday morning.

Adult Small Groups

Adult Small Groups are free to meet on campus or off campus provided they observe the following -

- Social distancing (maintaining 6 feet between people who don't live in the same household) will be observed.
- Face masks are not required but are strongly encouraged and will be made available at the site of the small group meeting. (Small Group facilitators needing masks should contact the church office.)
- Hand sanitizer will be made available at the site of the small group meeting.
- Materials will not be handed out or passed from person to person.
- Food and beverages will not be served, however individuals may bring their own.
- Classrooms will be assigned to Small Groups meeting on Sunday mornings based upon the anticipated number of attendees. Other than Sunday morning, use of rooms in the church building will be assigned through the church office, and all surfaces must be wiped down with disinfectant wipes after each use. The pavilion is available for Small Groups desiring to meet there and will be scheduled through the church office.
- Each person attending is by their attendance affirming that they can answer "no" to the provided screening questions. The questions will be provided to the Small Group facilitator who will provide them in advance to all the group members.

Nursery/Preschool/Student Ministry

All Sunday morning groups will restart on September 13. Knowing that social distancing is practically impossible for young children or for them to wear a mask properly, parents will need to determine if they are comfortable allowing their children to participate. Extra efforts will be made to provide the cleanest possible environment. The number of toys in the younger classes will be limited and cleaned after every class. Teachers will be mindful to wash their hands frequently and to assist children in keeping their hands clean.

Older children's groups will be spaced out more widely. Bibles and any materials being handed out should be done cautiously by the teachers, and materials should not be passed from child to child. Hand-sanitizer will be placed in all classrooms, as well as, disinfectant wipes for the tables and door handles. All supplies used for the class should be wiped down after each class.

Middle and High School students are free to meet either on campus or off campus provided they observe the same guidelines as outlined for adult small groups. They may also meet at other times other than Sunday morning as long as the approved guidelines are followed.

Please note - The CDC guidelines say that children under 2 should not wear a facemask.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery may resume its Worship Service, Small Groups, and Step Studies provided they follow the same guidelines listed above with the addition of temperature checks at the entry. Room assignments will be made by the Celebrate Recovery leadership. Rooms needed other than Thursday night need to be arranged through the church office.

Other Grace Fellowship Ministries

Prayer groups, team meetings, mentoring sessions, etc. may be done in the building provided these groups follow the guidelines outlined for adult small groups. These meetings will be scheduled through the church office to ensure a room that is large enough is available.

Other Groups Using Grace Fellowship Facilities

Outside groups will not be allowed use of the building, however, the pavilion may be used by outside groups provided they agree to follow the guidelines set out for Small Groups. Use of the pavilion will be scheduled through the church office.

Moving to Phase 3 (removal of social distancing guidelines)

Although it is difficult to determine precisely when Phase 3 could begin, a combination of considering the data in Greene County and the state of Georgia, along with guidance from both denominational and governmental

health agencies would provide enough information to recommend a lessening of social distancing restrictions. Any staff member or Elder may request a revisiting of our practices.

If someone who attends a worship service tests positive for COVID-19...

- The church staff or an appointed Elder will follow up with the individual or their immediate family to confirm the COVID-19 diagnosis and ascertain any further information on when the person might have been infected and anyone with whom they may have been in contact.
- The church office will use every available channel to inform members and regular attendees of the possibility of exposure. If we have information on attending guests, we will make every effort to contact them.
- Extra attention will be taken to cleaning all surfaces in the affected areas.
- The Elder Council will meet to discuss further actions that may include suspending services for a time.

If we discover that someone who attended a small group tests positive for COVID-19...

- The church staff or an appointed Elder will follow up with the Small Group facilitator and the diagnosed individual (or their immediate family) to confirm the COVID-19 diagnosis and ascertain any further information on when the person may have been infected and with whom they may have been in close contact.
- The church office will use every available channel to inform members and regular attendees of the possibility of exposure. If we have information on attending guests, we will make every effort to contact them.
- The Elder Council will meet to discuss further actions that may include suspending the group for a time.

Please Note: Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have potentially been exposed will follow CDC guidelines before returning - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html#:~:text=Anyone%20who%20has%20had%20close,has%20recovered%20and>

COVID-19 Screening Questions

Those desiring to participate in Grace Fellowship small groups must be able to answer “no” to all of the questions below. We appreciate your consideration for the others in your small group as we take the next step in ReGathering.

Have you or has anyone in your home had contact within the last fourteen days with any person under screening/testing for COVID-19, or with anyone with known or suspected COVID-19?

Have you lost your sense of smell or taste or had gastro-intestinal symptoms like diarrhea?

Do you currently have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever (99.5°F or higher), or a sense of having a fever.
- New cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition.
- New shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition.
- New sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition.
- New muscle aches (myalgias) that you cannot attribute to another health condition, or that may have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise).