



RETURN TO CHURCH

Plan and Policies

Hello Rock Hill Family!

For the past few months, while we have been concerned for religious liberty, we have nevertheless followed the guidance of our government for the safety of others and cancelled all church services in order to practice social distancing during the COVID-19 breakout.

As a church we want to prepare adequately and safely for the slow and safe return to worship. We have sought legal and medical counsel, as well as consultation with our elected officials in making this plan. Mostly, we are sensitive to the leading of the Lord in the process.

The following pages will outline our plan. Churches in states with less sickness may return to worship earlier, and smaller churches may mobilize more quickly. It is imperative that Rock Hill return with proper patience, understanding, and biblical conviction. Church members and workers are urged to read this document in order to participate in upcoming services.

We all desire safety as instructed by government leaders (*Romans 13*), and we desire to obey the command of Scripture to assemble and worship (*Hebrews 10:25*).

We believe church is essential! Let's work together to make this happen for the glory of God and with a right testimony to those who have not yet trusted Christ as Saviour.

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Note: This is still a work in progress and is subject to change in the days and weeks to come.

Section One: Those with Underlying Health Conditions

Because of the dangers related to COVID-19, we are encouraging all members age 65 and older and members of all ages who have underlying health conditions such as breathing conditions, cancer treatments, suppressed immune systems, etc, to please stay home and continue worshipping via livestream for the first phase of reopening.

Who Is at Risk?

Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

If we become aware that someone who has been in a service becomes ill, we will follow these procedures:

- We will ask the person to stay home and seek medical care if needed. Persons should stay at home for at least seven days after symptoms started AND three days after symptoms are improved and fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- We will contact local health officials.
- If public health officials determine we need to, we will assist with determining who needs to be contacted for contact tracing.
- Any areas we determine the confirmed COVID-19 person visited will be sanitized.

Section Two: Social Distancing

No one should plan to attend services who is known to have had any contact with known COVID-19 confirmed case.

Members are asked to wear a mask until further notice and to maintain six feet of distance when speaking to one another.

To simplify this process, the following practices shall be observed:

DO

Wear a mask
Wash your hands before and after church
Stay six feet apart from others
Cover your coughs and sneezes
Visit hand sanitizer stations frequently
Be willing to have your temperature taken

DON'T

Shake hands
Hug others
Come to church if you are sick
Touch your face, nose, or mouth
Leave trash in the auditorium

Dream Team Volunteers

With the help of our volunteers, we will be observing these distancing policies:

- Parking lot attendants will wear masks.
- In the parking lot, we will use every other parking space.
- Ushers will wear masks.
- Attenders and ushers will maintain social distancing of six feet at all times from the time we drive onto the property and exit our car until the time we get back into our cars after the service.
- Auditorium doors will be propped open to avoid the touching of door handles.
- Hallways and aisles will be clearly marked for one-way foot traffic. Please follow all signage inside the building.
- Doors will be designated as "entrance-only" or "exit-only." Please observe all signage.
- Ushers will seat attenders before the services. Families will sit together. There will be 3–4 empty seats between families.
- We will sit every other row, and staggered in the rows in an alternate seating pattern to ensure social distancing. Distancing will be kept in all directions—front, back, left, and right.
- At the end of the services, ushers will dismiss attenders in a controlled orderly manner maintaining social distancing. Ushers may need to direct people to a specific exit door. There will be no gatherings at doorways.

- Offering plates will not be passed during the services. Secure receptacles will be available in the auditorium lobby for you to drop your offering, or you may use online giving.
- Attenders are encouraged to promptly return home and refrain from fellowshiping at the end of the service.
- The Main Auditorium will be cleared at the end of each service and will remain closed until fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of the next service.
- We will not be distributing a service bulletin or printed outline.
- No coffee or food will be shared on campus.

RH Kids

- We will require parents to stand six feet apart during pick up and drop off while observing social distancing lines marked on the ground at Kids Check-in.
- If your child has a fever, you will be asked to take him home and watch the services online.
- We will take temperature checks upon check in.
- If your child has had a fever in the last 24 hours, please keep him at home for the well-being of workers and other children.
- If it is determined during a service that your child is sick, you will be called immediately and the child will be moved to a designated pick up area.
- Snacks and drinks will not be provided by the Ministry for children.
- All workers will wear masks and gloves at all times.
- Children age 5 and older will need a mask.
- A maximum of 10 children will be allowed in a nursery or classroom. When a room hits capacity, we will move a child to the nearest room closest to their age group.
- Chairs and tables in each nursery/classroom will be configured for six-foot distancing.
- We will prevent the sharing of toys and materials among the children. We will have crayons in separate sealing storage bags. We will encourage children to play with toys individually with puzzles, blocks, coloring pages, etc. and not in groups.

Section Three: Sanitization

While Rock Hill has always maintained high quality standards of sanitization, many adjustments have been made in order to prevent illness from spreading in our common areas. We will be sanitizing the auditorium after each service. We want you to be aware of our practice going forward.

Entry Doors/Lobbies

- Handles to all entry/exit doors, including restrooms, are being sanitized before and after each service.
- Counters, tables, hand rails, and any lobby furniture is being sanitized before and after each service.
- Drinking fountains are being sanitized before and after each service.
- Sanitizer stations are cleaned, checked for functionality, and refilled before and after each service.
- Light switches are sanitized before and after every service.
- Facial tissue will be available in the lobbies and restrooms.

Restrooms

- Every worker, staff member, and/or volunteer performing cleaning tasks will be required to wear a mask and gloves while working at all times. New gloves will be put on after completing each restroom.
- Toilets, urinals, and sinks will be sanitized before and after every service and once an hour during services.
- Counters and surfaces will be sanitized before and after every service and once an hour during services.

Auditorium

- Handles to all entry/exit doors are being sanitized before and after each service.
- Chairs and tables used by the ushers are being sanitized before and after each service.
- After each service, the arms of each chair will be sanitized.
- After each service, we will remove all trash and left over personal items from the auditorium. Personal items will be taken to the lost and found.

Nurseries and Children's Classrooms

- All toys, chairs, counters, and tables will be disinfected after each service.
- Nurseries and children's classrooms will be disinfected after each service.

Section Four: Weekend Service Schedule

Throughout this temporary season we will be providing the best online experience as possible for those unable to participate in “in-person gatherings.” At the same time, we want to strongly encourage all those who are healthy and able to join us for our in-person gatherings.

Sunday Morning Schedule

May 24th - Online Service at 10:30am

May 31st - Drive In Service at Jessie Turner Community & Online Service at 10:30am

June 6-7th - Online Service at 10:30am & Saturday Services at 4 & 6pm

June 13-14th - Online Service at 10:30am & Saturday Services at 4 & 6pm

June 20-21st - Online Service at 10:30am & Saturday Services at 4 & 6pm

June 27-28th - Online Service at 10:30am & Saturday Services at 4 & 6pm

*If and when Steelworkers’ Auditorium opens, we will go to the following format:

9:00am Touchless Service

11:00am Touchless Service

- Each family will be separated by 3–4 seats from the next family. Ushers will alternate seating patterns to ensure social distancing.
- Child care for ages 0–4 years will be provided in social distanced groups.

*Offerings

Giving receptacles will be placed in the lobby of the auditorium.