



NEW SONG CHURCH

Some of the steps we have implemented and are evaluating:

- A **Healthy Church Team** was established to lead us through each Phase of re-entry
- We have worked to sanitize each part of our facility including sanitizing handrails, tables, chairs, equipment, doorknobs, common areas, etc.
  - ◆ CDC and federal guidelines have been incorporated to best address our ministries and facilities

We have addressed protocols for the following areas:

- Phase 1 On-line and Drive-in options:
  - ◆ Handouts (bulletins, newsletters, flyers, etc.) have been moved to digital format
  - ◆ No shared microphone/technology device use without sanitization between use
  - ◆ Offering Counters must wear gloves, masks and practice social distancing
- Phase 2 In worship:
  - ◆ Family gathering' oriented/situated – see *Children's & Youth Ministry* below
    - Masks required while in-person for worship
    - Singing limited for all in-person worship services (until Phase 2.5)
    - First-time Guests, follow-up protocols (online follow-up)
    - Offering baskets will not be used; Joy Boxes and online donations are available
  - ◆ Bathrooms are limited to one guest at a time and the entire bathroom must be sanitized after each use; installing "limited touch" devices
  - ◆ Sacraments: Holy Communion and Baptisms (new procedures will be in place)
  - ◆ Contactless Greeting/Signage will be in place
  - ◆ Mask and hand sanitizer provisions at Main Entrance
  - ◆ All persons entering worship, until further notice, will be asked to complete a form to best assist with contact tracing in the event a positive diagnosis is linked back to New Song
  - ◆ Physical touching: no hugging, handshakes, or other forms of physical contact
  - ◆ Temperature checks on all Staff and Volunteers in Worship and Guest Services
  - ◆ Sunday Café removed through Phase 2.5
    - Bringing your own coffee is allowed/cup with lid
  - ◆ No beverage/food service at Church
  - ◆ No water fountains through Phase 2.5

- ◆ Traffic flow:
  - One direction **in** via Main Front Doors
  - One direction **out** via Side Double Door
  - Orderly dismissal by sections
- ◆ In Phase 2:
  - Up to 50 people in Worship Center at a time
  - Limited seating, physically distanced and reserved online ahead of service times
  - Seating groups in “household clusters”
- ◆ All seats will be sanitized after each service

→ Phase 2.5

- ◆ Sunday Cafe resumes
- ◆ *KidsPraise!* resumes

→ Phase 3

- ◆ Limited attendance requirements lifted

→ Children’s Ministry (allowed to meet once schools reopen)

- ◆ We’re currently retooling VBS for a great summer experience!

→ Youth are allowed to meet outdoors beginning June 14, with proper protocols in place

- ◆ Masks, social distancing, hand-washing/hand sanitizer
- ◆ No Sunday morning worship
- ◆ 2020 mission trips cancelled; deposits applied to 2021 or available for refund

→ Additional Guidelines

- ◆ Visitation/Congregational Care/Funerals/Weddings will begin in Phase 2, all with special precautions/phasing

**Next steps and goals:**

We want to hold outdoor and/or drive-in service, if possible, for our first full-return to “whole church” worship.

We are developing a Response Plan detailing steps to be taken if a positive COVID-19 result is confirmed directly from someone connected to an in-person worship service at New Song.

We are further developing our Communications Plan to cover anticipated needs into the future.

It is important that our congregation remain in connection with all who serve God from an at-home location. We honor all who seek to attend in-person or for whom an at-home experience is most comfortable/advised at this time.