



SET THE CAPTIVES FREE OUTREACH CENTER
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COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES

(The following guidelines are subject to change, pending updated guidance from public health and governmental agencies.)

PHASE TWO

Guidelines for Resuming In-Person Worship Services

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**SET THE CAPTIVES FREE OUTREACH CENTER
COVID-19 PHASE II PLAN**

Guidelines for in-person worship services with limited capacity. **Regardless of your COVID vaccination status, you must adhere to the guidelines set forth in Phase II of this plan.** The following guidelines are subject to change, pending updated guidance from public health and governmental agencies

I. **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

A. **A FACE MASK**

Wearing Masks:

A face Mask is required at all times in the building except during speaking or singing from the pulpit. A mask must be worn immediately when speaking or singing from the pulpit is finished. Masks should completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of face without gaps.

Note: Masks should not be placed on children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. A mask is NOT a substitute for social distancing. Masks should still be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially when indoors around people who don't live in your household.

TYPES OF MASK:

- Medical procedure masks (sometimes referred to as surgical masks or disposable face masks)
- Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)
- Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)
- Masks with two or three layers
- Masks with inner filter pockets

MASK WITH EXHALATION VAVLES OR VENTS

The CDC **does not recommend** using masks with exhalation valves or vents. The holes in the material may allow your respiratory droplets to escape and reach others. Research on the effectiveness of these types of masks is ongoing.

OTHER TYPES OF FACE PROTECTION

The CDC does not recommend using face shields or goggles as a substitute for masks. Goggles or other eye protection may be used in addition to a mask. Do NOT put a plastic face shield (or a mask) on newborns or infants.

B. **CLEANING/SANITATION**

- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the building.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- The church building is professionally sanitized monthly and maintained weekly with proper cleaning procedures
- Indoor air ventilation and circulation is to be maximized to the extent possible.

II. IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

A. Recommendation for Attendance:

- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to the virus within 14 days should stay home and will not be permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.
- Anyone with a cough of any sort, or anyone who does not feel well should stay home.
- Those who are at risk because of an underlying health condition, compromised immune system or caregivers are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid attending in-person services.
- **If you have tested positive or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive within 14 days do not come to church. If you have tested positive for Covid-19 contact your local health department for further guidance.**
- Stay home if you are sick.

B. Entrance/Screening

- Doors will open at 9:30am for the general public and service will start promptly at 10:00am. Doors will close either at 10:30am or when capacity is reached.
- Each person is required to wear a face mask/face covering upon arrival.
- To avoid cross-contamination, congregants are not permitted to wear disposable gloves in the building.
- Each person must complete the COVID screening questionnaire <https://stcfoc.screen.healthcare/>
- If a person has any symptoms related to COVID they will not be allowed to enter the building. ***(Symptoms: fever, sore throat, cough, chills, muscle pain, loss of taste, trouble breathing)***

C. Restroom Use:

- Everyone is required to follow proper handwashing technique posted in the restrooms. (Use soap and water and rub your hands together for 20 seconds)
- Signage is posted to remind attendees of social distancing.

D. Offering

- Electronic giving is highly recommended to minimize the risk of handling envelopes and cash
- Collection baskets (or any other materials) are not to be passed from one family or from one individual to another, nor shall ushers take up the collection from the congregation. Drop boxes will be used for in-person donations and placed in locations that are easily accessible and centrally located.

E. Dismissal

- Congregants will be dismissed in an orderly way to maintain physical distancing and minimize the crossflow of traffic.
- Congregants will be dismissed to the closest exit.

III. VOLUNTEERISM

- Volunteer arrival and check in will begin at 8:30 each Sunday.
- Volunteers serving must adhere to all safety guidelines while in the building.