

Entering The Church Building

The following was created using the guidance provided by the Federal and State of Indiana Governments and in consultation with the multiple medical professionals who are part of our church:

1. **If you meet any of these criteria, please stay home:**
 - a. You or anyone in your household have symptoms of being sick
 - b. You or anyone in your household has been exposed (*within 6 feet for 15 minutes*) to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
2. **If you are concerned for your own safety and feel it is best to not come to the church, stay home.** A relaxed, comfortable, but not casual, mind is to the advantage of all, whether at home or in the church building.
3. **If you or someone in your household had COVID-19** and your doctor has specifically cleared you to be out of isolation, you/they are welcome to come into the building.

The following are essential and unfortunately, there cannot be any exceptions:

1. **Wear a mask.** A mask must be worn at all times in all parts of the building. It must cover your nose and mouth.
2. **Maintain social distancing.** It is critical that everyone maintain 6 feet of distance (two arm lengths) from those who are not in your immediate household. Being related to someone is not the same as living in the same household.
3. **Sanitize your hands.** Hands should be sanitized any time you come in contact with any surface. The best way is to wash your hands with water and soap, lathering for 20 seconds, then rinsing and drying with a disposable paper towel.

Protocols for entering the church building for worship service:

1. **North entrance.** Only enter through the door on the north side of the church building.
2. **Enter as a household.** It will be critical to maintain 6 feet of distance from any other household when approaching the entrance. With winter coming, it may be best to wait in your car until someone motions for you to approach the north door entrance.
3. **Wear a mask.** Have a mask on when you exit your vehicle. If you have forgotten your mask, there will be a supply of masks available.
4. **Temperature check.** Your temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer. If your temperature exceeds 99.5, as difficult as it will be, it will be necessary for you and your household to not enter the building.
5. **Answer a few questions.** Everyone will be asked a series of questions before entering the building:

Can you answer "no" to the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- a. Without taking any medicine for a fever, have you had a fever in the past 48 hours?
- b. Diarrhea or vomiting in the past 48 hours?
- c. New loss of taste or smell within the last week?
- d. Cough, runny nose, or sore throat in the past week?

- e. Constant cough sometimes linked with vomiting in the past week?
- f. Have you been exposed (*within 6 feet for 15 minutes*) to anyone tested for COVID-19 or diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days?

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, has your doctor specifically told you that you were safe to be released from isolation?

- 6. **Sanitize your hands.** Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the building. Any time you leave the building and return you must use hand sanitizer when you re-enter, even if you have just washed your hands.

For our worship service:

- 1. **Wear a mask.** It must be over your mouth and nose at all times – when singing, speaking, or praying. If you are medically unable to wear a mask the entire time, you are still welcome to stay for the worship service, we simply ask you sit in a space that is at least 10 feet from those outside of your household before removing your mask.
- 2. **Maintain social distance.** Only households may sit together, closer than 6 feet. Being related does not make you the same household. This separation provides enough space for you to sing and worship.

We should always be open and engaging with our Heavenly Father and His Son at our seat or anywhere in the building. If you feel to be prayed for or to worship and rejoice, feel free to do so. Everyone must keep their mask on over their mouth and nose and maintain 6 feet of distance.

- 3. **Sanitize your hands.** Any time you leave the sanctuary and return you must use hand sanitizer when you re-enter, even if you have just washed your hands.

Other critical details:

- 1. **Music.** The band has been re-distributed to create more space between the players and anyone around them. If you are singing, you must keep your mask on covering your nose and mouth.
- 2. **Speaking.** When testifying you must keep your mask on covering your nose and mouth.
- 3. **Sanitize items.** Anything handed to another person must be sanitized using the available Clorox wipes (ie, microphone, hearing device). Gloves create a false sense of security and do not add protection. Wiping an item off, not touching your face, and sanitizing your hands is the safest procedure.
- 4. **Nursery.** There should be no more than one mother with her children in the nursery at any time. Touched surface areas should be wiped down with available Clorox wipes.

With all of this being said, come and join us in worship! It will be awkward and uncomfortable. It will be very easy to be distracted. But there will be joy in gathering and taking the precautions consistent with the guidance provided by the authorities.