

# Phased Reopening Plan for Crossroads

The decision to reopen churches is a complicated one and people of the Christian faith have several variables to consider. As the faith community responds to this global pandemic, we are grateful for steps that are being taken by our governing authorities to move toward gradually reopening in a way that is healthy and safe. We are thankful for the doors of opportunity that God has opened to us during the Coronavirus Crisis. However, we are cautiously anticipating the day that our church family can meet together again.

## **First, the church has a Biblical mandate to assemble.**

Online services are not a permanent substitute for the in-person fellowship of a faith family.

## **Second, Christians are commanded to submit to civil authorities.**






We believe God has ordained those in government to have authority over us. We are as much as possible to live peaceably with all men. Throughout church history there have been times where civil disobedience has become a necessity but only as a last resort. We are thankful and we pray for our national, state, and local leaders.

## **Third, Jesus said that the second most important command in the Bible is to “love our neighbors as ourselves.”**

We believe that following the recommendations of national, state, and local leaders and reopening in a safe and cautious way is the best way to love our city and community at this time.

To this end, we propose a fluid three-phase plan to reopen in accordance with everything we know about this virus and the guidance of the CDC and other health organizations. These plans may change as we roll them out and make decisions based on our knowledge and advice from officials. We will communicate our policies as we enter a new phase. We want to ensure that our church is a safe place for worship not just in this season, but in all seasons going forward.

## CHECKLIST OF ITEMS WE PLAN TO HAVE ON HAND

-  Cleaning supplies for sanitizing and disinfecting of our facilities with extra attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
-  Bottles of hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations for all trafficked areas of our facilities.
-  We are not supplying gloves or masks, bring your own if you choose to wear them.
-  Contactless giving boxes by our doors.
-  Signage will be posted of the CDC's guidelines encouraging social distancing, and other protective measures.

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## PHASE THREE: Begins new service schedule September 13th. 9:00 AM, Connect Hour 10:30 AM, Worship Service

Resume on-campus Connect Classes, Connect Groups in homes, Baptisms, Bible Studies and some (if not, all) Children's programs in this phase.

Again, this is a fluid plan and policies will be communicated as we move into each new phase.

### **NURSERY, CHILDREN'S CLASSES, and TEENS**

The rooms and facilities used in this phase for these activities will maintain sanitary conditions, staff and volunteers will encourage healthy and safe interaction between the children and teens. Rooms will have limited capacities. Masks are optional.

### **SERVICES & CLASSES**

Social distancing restrictions are maintained. Sanitizer stations and contactless giving are still available. We are limiting numbers in classes, so please make sure you've signed up for your Connect Class of choice.

#### **1. We encourage all high-risk individuals to stay at home and enjoy the service online at 10:30 am.**

- All members who have underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised.
- All members who live with or provide care to the elderly or those with underlying medical conditions.
- All members who feel sick, have a fever or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms.

## **2. One in-person service per week, 10:30 am**

- All attendees *must* register before attending the service and/or classes.
- Registration will open on **Tuesdays at 3 PM online**.
- Doors will open and ushers will seat each family unit 30 minutes before the service begins (10:00 am) to assure that all family units are seated at least six feet apart from each other and social distancing is being followed.
- Nursery and KidsRoad will be available during the Connect Hour (9:00) and Worship Service (10:30), but parents will be paged for diaper changes.

## **3. Social distancing will be in effect at all times**

- Bring your own masks if you want to wear them. Hand sanitizer will be available in several places throughout the building.
- All doors will be propped open or held open by ushers and greeters.
- Main Entrance will be open only. Ushers will direct you.
- Family units will sit together and must stay together.
- All physical contact is discouraged. Each family unit should stay at least 6 feet away from other family units.
- All family units will be ushered out of the Auditorium at the conclusion of the service. Attendees are encouraged not to congregate in the foyer or parking lot after the service.
- No bulletin will be distributed. Drop boxes for tithes and offerings will be placed at the exits.

## **4. Restrooms will be available, but the use of restrooms is discouraged**

- Several stalls and sinks will be out of order to ensure social distancing
- All drinking fountains will be out of order
- All children should be accompanied to the restroom by a parent.

## KidsRoad

- Children with symptoms such as fever or cough should stay home.
- We ask that every family member's temperatures be taken before coming on campus to ensure everyone's safety. Our volunteers/teachers will be taking these same precautions.
- We also ask that parents reinforce the importance of social distancing with your child on the way in. Our leaders will do their best to enforce this as well but a conversation could help as a reminder.
- When you arrive on campus, check-in will take place on the porch of the KidsRoad Building. To minimize risk, we ask **all parents to remain outside the building** and your child will be escorted inside and to the appropriate classroom. All children will be provided with hand sanitizer before entering the building.
- Pick-up will take place in the KidsRoad Foyer, with the exception of the nursery- which will pick up at the side entrance of the KidsRoad Building.
- We will have smaller classroom sizes at this time and we will be going outside as much as possible. Please dress your child appropriately.
- No snack or juice will be served in Preschool or Children's Department until further notice.
- A touchless water fountain will be available with disposable cups or if you are more comfortable, feel free to provide a LABELED water bottle for your child. All regular water fountains will be closed.
- Restrooms will be open for 2 children at a time.
- The Nursery and Toddler rooms won't going to be changing diapers. We ask parents to leave a cell so we can text if there is one that needs to be changed or to come by and change in between services if they are staying both hours.
- We will be cleaning in between hours, so if children have any allergies to hand sanitizer or cleaners to let us know at check in.
- Preschoolers that are 3 years of age are welcome to join in the K3 classes. If there are any potty accidents, we will be paging parents for clothing changes. |

## **Crossroads Student Ministry**

- Anyone who has been sick in the past week or is currently experiencing symptoms is asked to stay home.
- Youth Building will be sanitized before Sunday's Class and Wednesday's Service.
- Chairs will be spread out to accommodate for social distancing/
- Hand sanitizing station(s) are by the bathrooms.
- One person is allowed in the restroom at a time.
- Doors will remain open until 15-20 minutes after service starts, then doors will be closed.
- Leaders will check students in on iPads instead of kiosk stations.
- No water fountains will be available, but a bottle refill station will be open.
- There will be no games that involve sharing an object played (like dodgeball, 9 square, basketball)