



As we reopen our edifice for in-person worship, we want to ensure that we do so responsibly. We have implemented practices that are designed to help everyone in attendance manage their own risk of infection while, at the same time, allowing us to worship “in-person” together. Additionally, the guidelines below will provide direction for any future public health or safety concerns. These guidelines will be implemented or eased as circumstances allow.

To be clear, we do not operate in a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). Instead, we are compelled by love and concern for one another and the desire to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

Lastly, plans to open or close the facility, and/or related services, will be driven by, and in accordance with, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), along with state and local health and safety leadership.

ATTENDANCE

- During a **High transmission level** of COVID-19 or any communicable disease, the church may close the facility until the CDC and/or local health officials indicate that the levels have maintained a steady decline for a period of at least two weeks.
- During a **Medium transmission level**, **fully vaccinated individuals**, and children under 5 years of age, will be allowed to **attend our in-person worship services, with continued social distancing and wearing of masks**. A person has been fully vaccinated if they have received the prescribed number of shots (1 for Johnson & Johnson; 2 for Pfizer and Moderna) **and** two weeks have elapsed.
 - Temperature checks will be conducted of every person before entering the sanctuary for "in-person" worship.
 - A process to capture vaccination statuses and register for in-person service attendance will be communicated.
 - We invite all those who are unvaccinated to attend our virtual worship service at www.cbc-c.com.
- During a **Low transmission level**, the church will remain open for in-person worship services, meetings and activities, with masks becoming optional and social distancing still in place. If/when the transmission level continues to decrease, social distancing requirements may be eased.



MASKS

- Everyone 2 years old and older will be required to wear a mask that's comfortable, appropriate and covers both your nose and mouth at all times (even if you've tested negative for COVID-19 or have been fully vaccinated). Face shields can be worn in addition to masks, but will not be considered a substitute for masks. We will have extra masks available for anyone who needs one. There are valid, CDC acknowledged medical reasons some people should not wear a mask, including those who have trouble breathing and those who are unable to remove the mask without assistance. In these types of cases, for the safety of you and others, we ask you to continue to worship with us online.

WAVES AND BUMPS

- We are encouraging waves instead of hugs, and forearm bumps instead of handshakes. If you test positive for COVID-19, feel sick or have been exposed to anyone who has been sick in the last 10 days, please join us virtually.

OFFERING:

- During a **High transmission level** our offering will remain digital. You may give online at www.cbc-c.com and click on the word "GIVE".

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING:

- The CDC has published a document titled "[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)." We will follow their guidance in cleaning and disinfecting the building. An EPA-registered disinfectant is used on high-touch surfaces, including, but not limited to tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.

RESTROOMS:

- Restrooms will be sanitized before and after worship and monitored for capacity.



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- During a **High transmission level**, the invitation will be given during our virtual service and instructions given on how to respond digitally.

COMMUNION:

- We have discontinued passing communion trays during in-person worship service. All persons will receive communion, contained in a small plastic bag, upon entry into the sanctuary. After communion, congregants will be instructed where to dispose of the bag upon leaving the sanctuary.

BAPTISM:

- We will conduct COVID-SAFE baptisms during in-person worship. During a **High transmission level**, baptisms will be postponed until the level has dropped and in-person services have resumed.

FUNERALS:

- We will host funeral services in the sanctuary when in-person services have resumed, with a limited number of people and observing all appropriate protocols. We will consider exception requests on a case-by-case basis.

WEDDINGS:

- We will begin to schedule and host weddings when in-person services have resumed, observing all appropriate protocols. Attendance may be limited to satisfy social distancing requirements.

These protocols have been established to promote a safe environment in which we all may praise and worship our Lord and Savior. To support that, it is essential that we listen to both the scriptures and science. And, in doing so, we continue to pray for one another and operate in love.