

Checklist for Worshipers Returning to In-Person Services



Engage in these steps below to prepare you and your family for in-person worship.

✓	Checklist for Church Members
At Home	
	Pray for your House of Worship and leaders, your family and yourself.
	Discuss as a family what to expect and the importance of following guidance.
	Review any recent church communications on reopening policies and procedures.
	Do not leave home without your mask!
	Wash your hands before leaving and after returning home from church.
Assess Your Health	
	Stay home if you or one of your family members are showing signs or symptoms of an illness, especially a fever and a cough.
	Stay home if you or others you are staying with recently may have been exposed to someone suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19.
	If you or your family begin to show signs or symptoms related to COVID-19 following attending an in-person worship service, contact your primary health provider immediately.
Before Exiting Your Vehicle	
	Mentally prepare and ready yourself for social distancing. Remind children and youth of what this involves.
	Keep in mind that you and others will be excited to see one another. Observe all safety guidelines produced by your House of Worship.
	Put on masks; make sure they correctly secured around the nose and mouth.
	Use hand sanitizer before exiting your vehicle and again after the service before you head home.
	Maintain social distancing as a family unit, while entering and exiting the facility. Provide others with their needed space.
	Be sure to maintain social distancing in the parking lot and on sidewalks leading to the facility.

In Entryways and Hallways

	Listen for instructions from leaders and volunteers, and pay attention to signs providing guidance. Maintain social distancing.
	Do not congregate in the entryway or hallway. Follow directions to enter the Worship Space.
	Be intentional with grace and patience as you, your family, and others are experiencing various emotions during this new process.
	Be sure to wash your hands with lathered soap for at least 20 seconds when exiting a restroom.
	If your House of Worship provides a coffee station, make sure you use a cup with a lid. No open cups.

In the Worship Space

	Be prepared for everything to look different. Be gracious and patient as you, your family, and others are dealing emotionally with such a change.
	Follow the instructions provided to you on where to sit. Family units must sit together. Maintain social distancing.
	Listen for new directions for collecting the offering, passing of the peace, greeting of one another, recording attendance, etc.
	Wear your mask; keep it secure over the nose and mouth.
	During the passing of the peace or the greeting of one another, refrain from hugs and handshakes. Instead nod your head or speak to others while maintaining 6 feet of social distancing.
	Use time available in the service to pray for one another in attendance, remembering that this may be a difficult time with so many changes.