

COVID-19 UPDATE

FAITH COMMUNITY
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When we set out for the new year in 2020, none of us could have imagined we would be where we are today. That being said, we continue to do our best to move forward as a church family! Below you'll find a phased approach to stepping fully back into the building for services and other programs & activities. Please keep in mind that - as with this entire process - things may change slightly and we'll all need to be flexible as our health officials and government agencies respond to this ongoing issue.

We are currently operating in Phase Orange through September 6.

PHASE RED

This phase includes the greatest precautionary measures.

In this phase, the following measures will take place:

- We will move to online Sunday services only.
- There will be no in-building activities.
- Our staff will have limited in-building office hours.

PHASE ORANGE

This phase includes in-building services with strong precautionary measures.

In this phase, measures such as the following will take place:

- We will meet for in-building Sunday services with social distancing measures in place. Capacity will be based on county guidelines and our available space. Live online services will also be available.
- This phase could include a seat reservation process for Sunday services as county ordinances evolve.
- Faith Kids classrooms will be dispersed through the building to provide more space for kids in classrooms. We may also consider making major adjustments to Faith Kids depending on volunteer availability and other factors.
- There will be no in-building activities outside of Sunday mornings.
- Mission Coffee may reconfigure the complimentary coffee offerings as well as their operating time-frames depending on volunteer availability and safety guidelines.
- Faith Student Ministries will host online services and alternate events to continue community among students in 6th-12th grade.

PHASE YELLOW

This phase includes moderate precautionary measures.

In this phase, measures such as the following will take place:

- There will be in-building services with social distancing measures in place. Online services will continue to be available.
- Faith Kids classrooms will be dispersed through the building to provide more space for kids in classrooms.
- There will be no in-building activities outside of Sunday mornings with the exception of select Groups/programs like Celebrate Recovery, GreifShare, and DivorceCare.
- Faith Student Ministries will begin meeting in-person with a rotation of in-building programs & activities as well as offsite activities.

PHASE GREEN

This phase includes the mildest precautionary measures.

In this phase, measures such as the following will take place:

- There will be in-building Sunday services as well as online services.
- Activities and programs may resume outside of Sunday mornings.
- The social distancing signs may be removed, but we ask that people respect each other and do their best to keep one another healthy.
- Mission Coffee may open normally depending on volunteer availability.
- Faith Kids classrooms will return to their original spaces pending volunteer availability.

We'll be implementing the following measures in all phases:

- Hand sanitizer will be readily available & encouraged.
- Masks will be available for those that don't have one and prefer to wear one.
- We'll be encouraging anyone that is sick - especially with a fever of 100 degrees or higher - as well as those who have recently been in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home.

Other information:

- To determine the best phase for our church family and guest's safety, we'll be watching for guidelines, mandates, and recommendations from our local health department and government agencies. Our teams will clearly communicate any changes to services, programs, or other things that may impact you through social media, [email](#), and the [Faith Community App](#).

- We are not currently requiring masks to attend, but this is subject to change depending on the requirements from Jefferson County.

How to stay connected:

- **Church Online every Sunday** at 10:45am | Get the links at FaithCommunity.co/planyourvisit
- **Social Media** | Stay connected by following us on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) (@faithcommunity)
- **RightNow Media** | This free resource offers thousands of free Bible and book studies for you to walk through individually, as a family, or with a group. They even provide a feature allowing groups to watch videos simultaneously from their own homes so everyone can experience the curriculum together. Sign up at FaithCommunity.co/rightnowmedia.
- Stay connected with updates by signing up for **emails** at FaithCommunity.co/emailupdates.

We know this process has been difficult for many and there are a lot of thoughts as to what should or should not be done. Please continue to be flexible and to pray for our church & leadership. Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and faithful service as we all move from where we are to where God wants us to be!

If you have any questions, please contact our church office at 636.671.4190 or email info@faithcommunity.co.

