

# Back2Gather Instructions

EPIPHANY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

## OUR NEXT STEPS TOWARD REGATHERING

This document is intended to keep you, others, and our city safe as we return to in person gatherings. The good news is that COVID-19 case counts are continuing to fall and vaccination rates are climbing. Our goal is to regather with order and decency, without giving into unnecessary fear, as we take this step together. **Therefore, please read these instructions in their entirety before registering to attend a Sunday gathering.**

Epiphany Fellowship Church will resume meeting together with a plan that incorporates [the City of Philadelphia's Guidelines](#). The church Elders and Staff have developed a plan to help us safely gather. We will be monitoring the number of people entering the church building.

In light of this, we ask that you pre-register to attend a Sunday gathering as a way to ensure we have enough seats for everyone.

Our gatherings are open to all—whether you are a member, non-member, or visiting Philadelphia you are welcome to pre-register to join us. However, please bear in mind that these times together will not be normal yet:

- We are seating people in groups of at most 15—the largest group size permitted.
- For those uncomfortable sitting with others, we will have some socially distanced seating available.
- We will continue to wear face masks (with the exception of those on a microphone).
- We are offering Epiphany Kids during the gathering—for all age groups.

Additionally, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the health and safety guidelines to follow. Please read these instructions in their entirety to learn how gathering may impact you. While they may appear burdensome, they are a small sacrifice to ensure the safety of one another and our city.

Let's pray that God would be glorified through this ongoing unusual season and that he would give us wisdom each step of the way.



## HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDANCE

We ask all attendees to comply with the following:

### #1 PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

We are doing our best to create a low-risk environment in order to minimize transmission of Covid-19. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Therefore, please assess your comfort level with the potential risks before attending. To help maintain a safe and comfortable environment, we ask every attendee to take personal responsibility for themselves, including wearing face masks and following sanitation protocols as set by governing authorities.

### #2 PRE-GATHERING WELLNESS CHECK

All attendees are required to visit the COVID-19 Safety Station on entering the church building to have their temperature checked prior to attending service. A healthy temperature is under [100.4 degrees fahrenheit](#). If any of the following applies to you, or a member of your household, please *do not* attend but join us via livestream:

1. You have experienced symptoms consistent with Covid-19 within the past 14 days. Symptoms include fever over 100.4 degrees, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, and others as described by the [CDC](#).
2. You have had [close contact](#) with someone confirmed to have Covid-19 in the past 14 days, and are not vaccinated.
3. You have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 14 days.

Please note that any person exhibiting symptoms consistent with Covid-19 may be asked to leave.

### #3 FACE MASKS

All attendees must wear a mask while in the building (The CDC recommends, but does not require that children age 2-4 wear a face mask. We too are recommending but not requiring that children age 2-4 wear a face mask). For those who may be unable to wear a mask due to difficulty breathing, or other personal reasons, we kindly ask that you continue to join us via livestream in this season. We recommend all attendees bring their own masks, however a limited number of masks will be available for those in need. Again, face masks will be required so please plan accordingly.

### #4 PRE-REGISTRATION

In order to help us abide by state specified gathering limits and to ensure the gathering (11am) is evenly distributed, we ask that you pre-register all members of your household (children, roommates, etc), or group, that will be attending via the provided registration link. Pre-registration links are made available via our weekly *Epiphany Fellowship News* emails as well as on [our website](#).



## **SUNDAY MORNING**

### **PARKING**

You may utilize the free street parking around the building.

### **ENTRANCE**

Only the front entrance will be used in this season. The side entrance (ramp) will *not* be used unless requested in advance. [Email](#) to coordinate this accommodation.

### **SEATING**

Gatherings will begin at 11am. However, please plan to arrive 15 minutes ahead in order to allow time for seating.

### **SANITATION**

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.

### **RESTROOMS**

Restrooms will be frequently cleaned and sanitized. Please wash your hands thoroughly after using the restroom.

### **COMMUNION**

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Individual communion cups will be available at entrance after checkin and stopping by the hand sanitation station.

### **GIVING**

You can give via the [Church Center App](#), or [online](#) in this season.

### **NURSERY AND KIDS MINISTRY**

We are offering Epiphany Kids for all ages during the 11am gathering. All children must be pre-registered and this service will be on a first come first basis so please register as soon as you make plans to attend. If you plan to have your children with you at the gathering, we ask parents to keep them with you at all times to ensure social distancing.

### **AFTER THE SERVICE**

At the conclusion of the service, attendees are welcome to fellowship while social distancing in the auditorium. However, all aisles must be kept clear. Attendees are also welcome to fellowship outside the building while maintaining outdoor social distancing guidelines.