

First Baptist Church

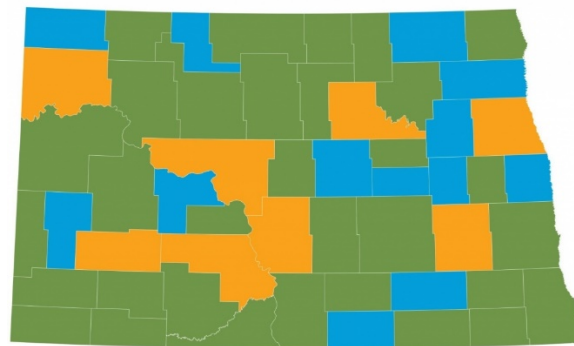
COVID-19 Contingency Planning Guide

Adopted 9/15/20

General Comments:

First Baptist Church has completed COVID-19 response plans for our Sunday School Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Awana Ministry. This contingency plan is prepared by the Elders for the benefit of the church family to serve as a guide to follow if and when our community is deemed to be at higher risk for widespread transmission. Our prayer is that we remain united as a Church body, and support and care for each other in a loving way as to demonstrate Christ's love in how we responsibly conduct ourselves in a corporate setting.

We will adopt similar color-coded guidance in line with the ND Smart Restart Plan. We will utilize the same basic colors as this system with Blue being the least restrictive and Red the most restrictive.



As of 9/15/20

The decision to move between colors will be made based on a review of data which may include, but is not limited to:

- The current color phase identified by the Minot Public School District.
- Confirmed Covid-19 cases in Ward County.
- Known exposure within our church.
- Evidence of community spread.
- Guidance from the ND Department of Health and the Minot First District Health Unit.

The Elders will have the final decision on when to move to from one phase to the next. We will use the above resources as guides, but the changing of the color wheel at the state/local level will not dictate how we respond.

Regardless of the Color code in place, the following precautions will be taken weekly:

- Appropriate enhanced cleaning of high traffic/high touchpoint areas will occur weekly before Sunday morning services.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple locations throughout the church.
- Masks optional, but encouraged – please bring your own masks.
- Specific traffic flow will be expected in certain areas as follows:
 - North Stairwell will be Down-flow only.
 - West Stairwell will be Up-flow only.

BLUE/GREEN

- Traditional model
 - Three services in-person.
 - All rows utilized.
 - Normal traffic flow on the main level.
 - No offering plates passed.
 - No communion plates passed.
 - Alternative viewing area available in the lower level during all three services when Sunday School is not in session. Available during the first and second service when Sunday School is in session.
 - Livestream available for all three services. Recorded services available 10 minutes after each service.
 - Church facility available for small groups throughout the week.

YELLOW/ORANGE

- Hybrid Model
 - Three services “in-person” continues.
 - Every other row utilized.
 - Designated entry and exit points/routes on the main level.
 - No offering plates passed.
 - No communion plates passed.
 - Alternative viewing area available in the lower level during all three services when Sunday School is not in session. Available during the first and second service when Sunday School is in session.
 - Livestream available for all three services. Recorded services available 10 minutes after each service.
 - Church facility available for small groups throughout the week with social distancing/meeting size limited.

RED

- Distance Learning Model
 - Potential for church to be closed – no in-person services.
 - Pre-recorded services will be available for viewing at our normal times; 8:30, 9:50 and 11:05, and then available permanently 10 minutes after the last service.