



A PLAN TO RESUME IN-PERSON ASSEMBLIES AT THE DECATUR HIGHWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This has been a challenging and confusing time for all of us. Fortunately, to our knowledge, we at Decatur Highway have not been directly affected by COVID-19. The decision back in March to suspend all activities and assemblies at the building was one of the most difficult for us to make. However, we did it heartily in an attempt to protect the most vulnerable among us. We have listened to and read Governor Ivey's and the State Department of Health's orders as they have been issued and determined that we would follow them to the best of our ability without sacrificing our fidelity to God. We are grateful for the current technologies that have allowed us to provide bible study, worship, and connection online.

Based on the latest statement from Governor Ivey, the elders have decided to resume in-person assemblies on **May 17, 2020**. We want to assure you that before your return that the utmost diligence will be taken to clean the portions of the building that will currently be in use. In light of our efforts to resume, **please carefully read all of the following before choosing to attend worship in-person!**

- 1) There will be two worship services on Sunday mornings.
 - a. There will be a service for those 60 and older at 9 am, and a service for those 59 and under will take place at 11 am.
 - b. This will allow sufficient time for proper cleaning and disinfecting between services.
 - c. Every other pew will be marked off with blue tape and 6 feet should be maintained between family groups within a pew. Please sit in rows that are open.
 - d. Ushers and greeters will be there to help guide each of you to enter and exit in an orderly manner. More instructions will be given when you arrive.
- 2) We will only be using the auditorium. Those doors will be propped open so you can just walk right in. All other entryways will be marked as not for use. In order to limit the amount of cleaning and disinfection needed in the building, most areas will be marked as off-limits. Please respect those boundaries!
- 3) You may want to arrive a little early. Entry and exit to the auditorium may take a little longer while maintaining social distancing. Please pay attention to any signage as you come in as we may direct foot traffic in particular flows to avoid bunching up.
- 4) There will be individuals stationed in the front foyer and will have individual Lord's Supper packets for you to pick up as you enter. The Lord's Supper trays and the collection trays will

not be passed around. There will be collection boxes at the auditorium exits as you leave at the conclusion of the service.

- 5) The quiet rooms can be used, but the number of people in the rooms must be very limited to maintain social distancing.
- 6) Water fountains will be turned off in the foyer. If you need water, bring bottled water with you to services.
- 7) There will be NO Sunday AM Bible classes.
- 8) Sunday evening and Wednesday assembly will continue to be in an on-line format rather than in-person at the building.
- 9) By not holding services we will have 7 days between services. This should provide sufficient time for Coronavirus to die if any should be present on surfaces or objects since the virus dies within hours to a few days outside of the body.
- 10) Keep in mind that the less you touch the less your chances are of contracting or spreading any germs. Because our children love touching things and wandering off, we ask that parents be extra vigilant.
- 11) The state and county health departments still both recommend cloth masks. Feel free to wear masks and gloves if you want for entrance and exit, but these are not mandatory.
- 12) We do NOT recommend attending service if any of the following is true:
 - a. You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the last 14 days.
 - b. You are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or a sore throat.
 - c. You currently have a fever, or have had one in the last 48 hours.
 - d. You have had a recent loss of taste or smell.
 - e. You have had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
 - f. You have underlying health problems such as COPD, asthma, autoimmune disease, or are currently using immunosuppressive medications.
 - g. If you're sick AT ALL, even if it is not respiratory.

In general, please use good sense and respect social distancing, cover coughs and sneezes, wash your hands, avoid touching your face, and go with an "air-hug" instead of a real one for now. We eagerly look forward to the time when these measures become unnecessary and we will keep you updated with any changes as they occur.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. Thank you for your steadfast love for one another.