

# In-Person Gatherings FAQ



## 1. Why are we so concerned about CDC recommendations?

We are trying to balance the biblical mandates in Romans 13 which encourage us to honor our civil authorities, and Hebrews 10 which encourages us to gather and worship.

## 2. Is everything back to normal in terms of hospitality at the in-person gatherings?

Our helpful Guest Experience team is on campus to help us maintain the CDC recommendations ensuring that your experience here is both safe and friendly. However, no hospitality food or beverages are offered at this time, and water fountains are not open or usable. In addition, we are not offering printed worship guides, but instead offer digital worship guides through our IBCLex app.

## 3. What are the cleaning policies?

We are cleaning high touch surfaces in between services according to the CDC recommendations for community facilities. We have many hand sanitizing stations around campus, and we use deep cleansing CDC approved and recommended cleaning supplies and equipment for each room and their use.

## 4. What can I do with my kids during service on campus?

At our Bates Creek campus during the 11 am service, iKIDs worship is available for rising 1st-6th graders in the Summit. All 4s, 5s, and rising Kindergartners meet in the preschool area during the 11 am service as well. We are taking precautions such as temperature checks and distancing to make sure kids are kept safe. In addition, your entire family is welcome to attend church together. We have plenty of seats for you! We ask that you social distance yourself from other family groups. We have some great interactive media items designed for both preschoolers and elementary kids that you can have them watch through our IBCLex app during the service. Just be sure to bring your own headphones for them to use.

## 5. Are IBC Students meeting?

We encourage our students to attend our regular worship services with their families, parents, or guardians. Our Student Ministry staff is working on plans to return to Bible study on Sunday mornings as well as Sunday evening activities in compliance with recommendations from the CDC. More information to come. In the meantime, you can keep up with plans for our students by visiting our IBCLex Students page on Facebook.

## 6. How can I give?

We have three easy ways you can give! Giving online and using text-to-give are the two easiest ways to give while social distancing yourself. All of our online giving portals are secure for your protection.

- a. You can give online by going to [ibclex.com/give](https://ibclex.com/give) or visit our IBCLex app on your smart phone or tablet. Here you can set up a one-time or recurring donation.
- b. To sign up for text-to-give, text "GIVE" to 859-577-7585. You will then be guided through a few steps to set up your donation.
- c. You can give donations in person as well. At the back of our Worship Centers at each campus, you will see safe and secure giving/donation drop-boxes where you can leave your gift. Envelopes will be attached to these boxes and available for you to use.
- d. You can also mail your donation to 3100 Bates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40502.

If you have any questions about giving, we would love to help! Contact Glenda Rice at our church office 859-685-3200 or [glendar@ibclex.com](mailto:glendar@ibclex.com)

## 7. Are we having Communion? If so, what does that look like?

At this time, we will not be offering Communion. We will evaluate from week to week and look to get that element back into our services as soon as it is manageable from a social distancing perspective.

## 8. Are we required to wear masks inside the building?

IBC is following CDC guidelines as it pertains to masks. CDC recommends that each individual should wear a mask when entering a building. Please be sure to bring your own CDC approved masks as we will not be able to provide masks for each attendee.

**9. Is IBC providing masks?**

Due to limited availability IBC may have some masks. Again, we encourage worship attendees to bring their own masks per CDC recommendations as we cannot guarantee that one will be provided for you.

**10. Are Bible Studies and/or Small Groups gathering on campus?**

During this time many of our Bible studies and small groups continue to meet online. In addition, some groups have chosen to return to campus for in-person Bible study. These groups are taking precautions to meet safely following the recommended guidelines.

**11. Is there live worship and singing?**

Yes. There is live worship at each on campus service, and singing by those attending is encouraged.

**12. Are there two styles of services like we had before COVID?**

Yes. We are having our normal blended service at Tates Creek at 9:30 am and our modern service at Tates Creek at 11:00 am and Armstrong Mill at 10:00 am. However, due to CDC recommendations, we are not having a choir or full orchestra for the blended service.

**13. Can we take photos of the service or post on social media?**

We are asking that you do not take any photos or videos of the service that you attend out of respect to those around you. Also, please do not post any photos or videos, live or recorded, to social media accounts. Thank you for understanding. If you have any further questions, please visit [ibclex.com](http://ibclex.com) or email [info@ibclex.com](mailto:info@ibclex.com). You can also call the church office at (859) 685-3200.