
Cooper City Church of God
COVID-19 RESPONSE

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WHY IS THIS PLAN IMPORTANT?

This plan is designed as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While there are still many uncertainties ahead, we want to be prepared for the time when we return to corporate gatherings. We do not know the specific parameters regarding the size of gatherings, social distancing requirements, etc. However, we do know that we do not want to achieve the minimum requirements. We want to use creativity and wisdom to develop a plan of excellence that will protect our congregation while also allowing the gathering of the church family.

A pandemic response team has been established. This team will help provide wise council to the lead pastor and others as we navigate through the coming weeks and months.

GENERAL GUIDELINES ADAPTED FROM CDC AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Stay at home unless you're going out for essential activities like grocery shopping, exercise, healthcare, religious worship, and caregiving. You may travel for work if you're employed by an essential service or businesses that re-open at 25% building occupancy.
- Senior citizens and individuals with significant medical conditions may leave their homes to go to the grocery store or pharmacy, go for a walk, or go to work. They should avoid close contact with people outside the home.
- All individuals, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others.
- Avoid socializing in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for physical distancing.
- Face masks are recommended for all those in face-to-face interactions and where you can't social distance.
- For more info, visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/plan-for-floridas-recovery/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>.

UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF COVID-19 // KEY DEFINITIONS

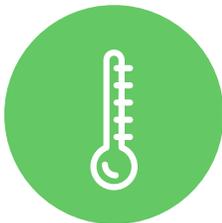


At-Risk Populations

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), people of all ages can be infected by COVID-19. Older people (65 years and older), people living in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and people with pre-existing medical conditions -- asthma, chronic lung disease, diabetes, liver disease, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, severe obesity (body mass index of 40 or higher), and those immunocompromised (having an impaired immune system) -- all appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

Social Distancing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines social distancing or “physical distancing” as keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. The CDC defines “keeping space” as staying at least six (6) feet from other people.



Fever

The CDC considers a person to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperature of at least 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. We respectfully ask that no one with a fever enter the building.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment may be worn to minimize exposure to hazards that can cause illnesses. PPE includes items such as gloves, face masks and face shields. We recommend all who enter our building to wear these items as a precaution. All of our staff and volunteer workers will be required to wear PPE gloves and masks when in close proximity of others.



A THREE PHASE PLAN

It's important to note that there is no need to rush a return to our building. We will continue offering online services while our congregation is still experiencing pandemic anxiety.

The pandemic response team will monitor pandemic conditions by utilizing resources from local and state health departments, the CDC, and FEMA. As federal, state and local governments begin relaxing stay-at-home orders, local business closures, and gathering restrictions, we will move to the next phases of our plan and keep our congregation up-to-date and current with specific gathering guidelines and restrictions for our church.

We will implement phase 1 on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Each additional Phase will be introduced as directed by the lead pastor and the pandemic response team. There is no set timeline to roll out each of the additional phases.

During all phases, we will continue extensive disinfecting procedures. Extensive disinfection and cleaning will take place before each service. We want our congregation to be aware that we have done due diligence in creating a safe and disinfected environment. A detailed plan of cleaning and disinfecting procedures has been developed for each area of our church campus. A digital copy of the plan is available for download from our church website at <https://cccogod.org/covid-19>.



PHASE 1

Phase 1 will begin on Sunday, June 7.

- **We will implement on-campus worship experiences at 8:30am and 10:30am.**
- We will continue to offer our online services on Saturday at 7:00pm and on Sunday at 8:30am and 11:00am.
- **We will adjust seating, create specific entrances and exits to the building, as well as pathways inside the building to help meet social distancing recommendations.**
- We will essentially seat people on a first-come, first-served basis. Ushers will assist people to be seated as they arrive from the front of the auditorium to the back. Families can be seated together. All others will be seated separately to adhere to social distancing guidelines. At the conclusion of the services, ushers will assist people to exit by row in a manner that allows for appropriate distancing.
- **Once we reach the recommended maximum capacity for public gatherings, we will close the Main Auditorium.**
- We will use the Next Gen Gym as an overflow room and direct attendees there once we reach capacity in the Main Auditorium. The gym will receive the live video broadcast signal from the Main Auditorium.
- **There will be no hand-to-hand contact between people. We will take proper precautions, such as propping doors open, skipping greeting time during services, and placing offering buckets or communion elements in central locations instead of passing from person-to-person.**
- There will be no Connection Café, Connection Kitchen or Ministry Hero Break Room.
- **There will be no nursery or KidCity services on campus during Phase 1.**
- We will create elements in the Main Auditorium worship experiences that are designed for children.
- **We will continue to offer online worship experiences for preschool and KidCity.**
- There will be no on-campus groups or other gatherings on Sunday or throughout the week during phase 1. We will continue to offer online groups for all ages.

PHASE 2

Phase 2 will include all of the offerings from Phase 1. We will add the following:

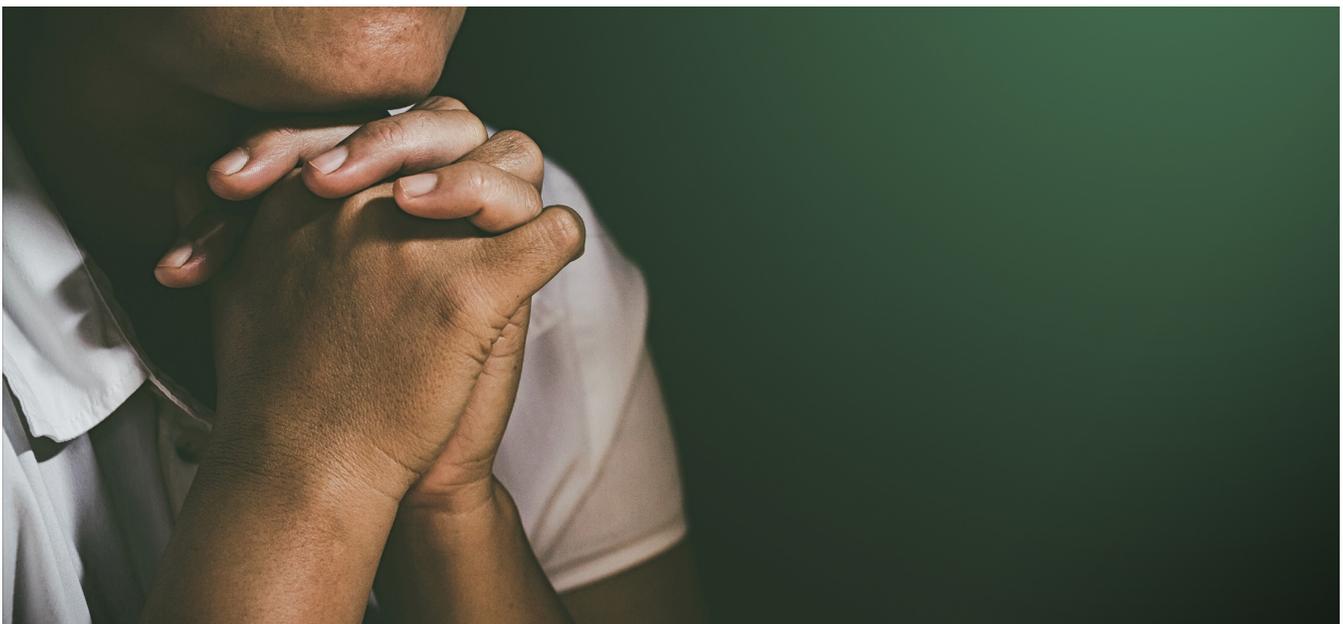
- The date to begin Phase 2 will be determined by our executive team. We plan to implement Phase 2 with consideration of progress through Phase 1 and based on the federal, state, and local government authorities relaxed guidelines for public gatherings.
- **We will continue to offer on-campus worship experiences. We will adapt new times to maximize the in-house worship experience attendees and to fit the relaxed guidelines as they are adjusted by the federal, state, and local governments.**
- We will continue to offer our online services on Saturday at 7:00pm and on Sunday at 8:30am and 11:00am.
- **We will offer KidCity ministry in the Next Gen Gym but not in classrooms. We will maintain the attendance of children and volunteers based on current guidelines.**
- We will implement nursery and limit the attendees based on current guidelines.
- **For groups that have not converted to digital/online, we will offer on-campus groups. These groups will be limited to specific areas based on the current recommended guidelines. New times for on-campus groups will be determined at a later date.**
- We will promote and encourage new online groups to start and use the sermon-based curriculum to go deeper with the weekly teaching.
- **We will introduce the new plans for midweek gatherings and groups during this phase, including nursery, KidCity groups, Cooper City Youth, Choir and Orchestra, and Wednesday Experience.**

PHASE 3

Phase 3 will include the following additions and/or revisions:

- The date to begin Phase 3 will be determined by our executive team. We plan to implement Phase 3 once the federal, state, and local government authorities remove all limitations on public gatherings.
- **We will continue to offer on-campus worship experiences. We will adapt new times for the worship experiences based on attendance and to best fulfill the vision and mission of the church.**
- We will continue to offer our online services on Saturday at 7:00pm and on Sunday at 8:30am and 11:00am. Times may be adjusted to better serve our online community engagement.
- **All nursery and KidCity gatherings and services will resume.**
- All on-campus groups that have not converted to digital/online or off-campus will resume on Sundays and during the week. New times for on-campus groups will be determined at a later date.
- **Connection Cafe, Connection Kitchen and Ministry Hero Break Room will reopen.**

Additional considerations and planning will be made based on new recommendations and guidelines from local and state health departments, the CDC, and FEMA. We also reserve the right to adjust plans as needed based on recent history of successes and challenges, and the changing needs for our congregation and community.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR GATHERINGS



Restrooms

Restrooms will be open but with limited occupancy based on social distancing guidelines. Restroom attendants will be posted in each area to monitor the amount of people entering and exiting the restroom and also to clean and disinfect each area after use.

Attendees will be asked to wait in line outside of the restroom until a space is cleaned and made available before entering. There will be separate restrooms for families with children to use near the Next Gen gym.

Families with Young Children

We understand that young children have a shorter attention span. It may be difficult to keep them engaged in the Main Auditorium during worship. We will have a designated area in the Next Gen Gym for families with young children who do not wish to sit in the Main Auditorium. These families can watch the live video broadcast on the screens.



Baptisms, Baby Dedications, Weddings and Funerals

We will offer private ceremonies for baptisms, baby dedications, weddings and funerals by appointment only for families. Attendance for private ceremonies will be limited based on the current social distancing guidelines. The baptism service will be recorded to share with the congregation during a future worship experience. The baptismal pool will be drained and sanitized after each use.

Communion

We will lead the congregation in worship by receiving communion during designated worship experiences. To avoid unnecessary contact and risk, we will have Ushers distribute individual pre-filled communion packets to families as they enter. Receiving these elements will be optional for those who wish to participate. Empty packets can be discarded in receptacles as people exit.





Worship Guides, Connection Cards, Giving Envelopes and Pens

There will be no paper worship guides, cards, envelopes or pens in the seat back pockets or to be passed out during gatherings. We will promote and encourage everyone to use our digital options for collecting information on guests, spiritual decisions and giving. Items will be available upon request at Connection Central counter. Touch-less giving stations will be provided at the exits of the auditorium.

Coffee Stations, Water Fountains, and other Food Services

To minimize touch points, all water fountains, coffee stations, café and kitchen service, and break rooms will be closed until Phase 3. Water bottles will be available upon request from the Connection Central counter.



Meet and Greets

All pre-service or post-service meet and greet or similar gatherings will be suspended to protect and provide appropriate social distancing and separation.

