

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

Faith Bible Church leadership has been carefully monitoring a variety of factors regarding Covid-19, including:

- A significant decline in infection rates in Southwest Dallas County
- The wide-spread availability of vaccines
- Revised CDC guidelines regarding [fully vaccinated individuals](#)

These positive trends prompt us to revise the policies that were implemented last spring.

Effective Sunday, June 6, 2021

- *Masks will be optional at all Faith Bible Church activities except for specific areas where social distancing cannot be maintained (e.g., elevators). Signage will designate these areas as “masks required.”*
- *A masked seating section for those wishing to wear masks in the worship services will be provided*
- *Online viewing options will continue to be available for worship services, adult Sunday school classes, and certain youth and children’s programs*
- *Coffee, snacks, and other aspects that encourage fellowship will be encouraged*
- *For more information on Communion and Offering please see below*
- All remaining COVID-19 safety measures (cleanings, encouragement of proper handwashing, and social distancing, will remain in place until further notice.
- *A second worship service hour on Sundays will begin.*

Please continue to respect the preferences and comfort levels of those around you. If you sense that someone would prefer to interact without close contact, wearing a mask, etc. please show them that courtesy.

Leadership will continue to monitor the infection rates and CDC guidelines and make changes if needed.

I. THE WEARING OF MASKS

- A. Please continue to respect the preferences and comfort levels of those around you. If you sense that someone would prefer to interact without close contact, wearing a mask, etc. please show them that courtesy.
- B. Additional masks are available in the front Worship Center Foyer.

II. COMMUNION

- A. Communion will continue to be served with individually wrapped servings at least through the end of 2021.
- B. These individual servings will be placed in baskets outside the doors of the auditorium in order that attendees are able to pick them up prior to entering the auditorium.

III. OFFERING

- A. Offerings will continue to be received in the offering boxes in the Worship Center, through online giving, or by mail. Additionally, because giving is such an important aspect of our worship, we will again be passing the offering plates during our public services.
- B. The Mercy Fund will be collected as normal during Communion Sundays. There are envelopes located at each of the Giving Boxes upon which givers can designate the accounts into which the funds are to be deposited.

IV. PUBLIC SERVICES

- A. Each attendee is encouraged to evaluate their individual health needs and risk factors to determine if they should attend church in person. (See the CDC website for details on health and risk factors.)
 - 1. If you have been exposed to Covid-19 and have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to self-quarantine for 4 days in order to ascertain whether or not you have been infected.
 - 2. If you have been exposed to Covid-19 and have been vaccinated, then quarantine is not necessary.
- B. Attendees with any of the following COVID-19 symptoms will be strongly encouraged stay at home or to return to their home:
 - 1. *Cough*
 - 2. *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
 - 3. *Chills or repeated shaking with chills*
 - 4. *Muscle pain*
 - 5. *Headache*
 - 6. *Sore throat or loss of taste or smell*
 - 7. *Diarrhea*
 - 8. *Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit*
 - 9. *Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 for an individual that has not been vaccinated*
- C. Parents are strongly discouraged from bringing their child to the church Nursery if he/she has a fever, diarrhea, a runny nose or seems to be sick.

V. SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY

- A. Awana and Student / Adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet both in-person and online.
- B. Children's Sunday School will continue to meet in person. Effective June 1, 2021 class sizes will be expanded to match the three-foot-per-person guidelines of the CDC.
- C. Children's Church will follow its normal in-person schedule through the summer.

VI. CHURCH OFFICE

- A. Social distancing, washing of hands, and other basic precautions should be observed.
- B. Masks are encouraged if one is planning to visit the church campus...but are not mandatory.