

New Community Response to PHASE 2

Message from Pastor Bill dated 06/21/20

By now, I am sure you heard that the State of Washington had approved King County to transition to Phase 2! Currently, our Sunday gatherings include Church at home (online) and Sunday in-person in our outdoor structure (Gathering Place) by reservation.

Phase 2 | Safe Start (per King County)

"All religious and faith-based activities are subject to Phase 2 guidance, which generally restricts indoor services to the lesser of 25% capacity or 200 individuals as long as 6 feet of distance is kept between people from different households. In-home services/counseling is restricted to no more than five individuals. Limitations on capacity do not include an organization's staff but do include volunteers."

So what does this mean for New Community?

- **Adult Services** - The Barn will be open for services starting Sunday, July 12th, in addition to outside covered seating in the Gathering Place. Allowed capacity is 100 people in each facility (GP and Barn). Reservations will continue to be required for both facilities. We will maintain a strong online presence for those who prefer to keep doing Church at home, are outside our region, or are traveling.
- **NC Kids (K-5)** - The Treehouse (Tent) will be open for K-5 Kids Sunday, August 2nd, in addition to continuing an online program. Allowed capacity is 50 in the Treehouse. Reservations will be required.
- **NC Kids (Pre-School)** - Pre-School will remain online. We will consider opening Pre-School ministries in Phase 3 or 4, depending on social distancing recommendations and other requirements.
- **NC Students** - Student ministries have already resumed on Sunday evenings and will continue with an online presence.
- **NCYA** - Our Young Adults ministry will stay with Zoom meetups and add in-person scheduled events.
- **Small Groups** - Also beginning July 12th, small groups will be able to schedule use of the Mansion, Gathering Place, and Barn.

Finally, please note that **July 5th Sunday services will be online only**. We will not have any in-person gatherings that weekend on campus. We need the extra time to prepare for services to resume in the Barn and Gathering Place as well as prepare for NC Kids (k-5) opening Sunday, August 2nd.

Thank you, NC family, for your patience and support throughout this challenging season. Continue to check your email and our website for further communication and details on opening our facilities. Please note that Phase 2 does require adults and kids to wear masks and to practice social distancing. Ministry leaders will provide more detail as we progress.

God bless, and we'll hope to connect with you soon online or in-person!

- Pastor Bill