

Dear Church Family,

I have good news! On Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 11 am, we will resume in-person worship. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Your church leadership analyzed data from the City of San Antonio COVID reports, the State of Texas, and the CDC to create a plan for in-person worship that adheres to the law, medical best practices, and the spirit of protection driven by love for our community:

- In-person services will begin at 11, with the doors opening at 10:50.
- To encourage fellowship, shaded socially distant seating areas are available outside for you before and after the service.
- Before entering, your temperature will be checked, and you will answer 3 COVID-19 prescreening questions (see back.)
- Everyone older than ten years will be required to wear masks at all times.
- Masks will be available for those who need them
- Red and Yellow bracelets are available at the check-in table to correspond to personal wishes for social distancing. Red: Please don't approach me; Yellow: please chat with me, keeping a 6 foot social distance, no hugs or touching. When it is safe – green bracelets will be added to say I'm approachable and ready for hugs.
- Everyone will use hand sanitizers before entering the building.
- Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-serve, basis.
- Chairs will be arranged to allow for social distancing. Families must sit together.
- Everyone must practice 6 feet of social distancing at all times.
- Please, no contact between non-family members.
- To maintain social distancing, only one person is permitted in the restrooms at a time.
- Children's Ministry will continue meeting online only at a new time, 9:30am.*

Your safety, and that of the community, is of the utmost importance to us. If you are healthy and do not have underlying medical conditions that put you at greater risk of COVID-19 (see back), we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us in person. For whatever reason, if you do not feel like attending modified in-person services is appropriate for you and your family at this time, we understand. Whether or not you can return to physical gatherings at this time, the most important thing is that we stay spiritually and relationally connected as a church family – in person or online!

When the history of 2020 is written, a large chapter will be titled "Adapting." I no longer think anything about walking into HEB wearing my mask, and the new ways of waiting in the check out line are now my new normal. The "adaptations" we have made in society have been hard, but the church's ministry has not stopped for a moment. Scripture is full of examples of God's people enduring hardship yet continuing to share the hope of Jesus with a broken world.

Romans 15:4 - For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the **endurance** taught in the Scriptures and the **encouragement** they provide we might have **hope**.

COVID-19 prescreening health questions

1. Have you or anyone in your family had a temperature above 100.4 in the past 24 hours?
2. Have you traveled outside of the country in the last 14 days?
3. Have you or anyone in your family been exposed to someone with COVID 19 or suspected of having COVID 19?

Adults of any age with the following conditions are at increased risk of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Your safety is our top priority, and it is your responsibility to take the appropriate measures for you and your family's health. If at any time you do not feel safe worshipping in-person, we encourage you to leave and join us online on Facebook or YouTube at 11:00 for SAF Church Online.

SAF.Church reserves the right to instruct a congregant to exit when they are not compliant with the safety protocols. Our goal is to maintain the safety of everyone.

*For information about Fuse Kids online and distance services, please visit saf.church/SafFuse

Enduring, Encouraging, and Sharing Hope,

– Pastor Matt and SAF Leadership Team