

Congregational Guidelines for “Reopening” Family Bible Church

Upon further information and safety guidelines given to us by the Governor of Washington State and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) we will be reopening to in-person congregational services and ministries starting June 7th, 2020. Our first congregational worship service will be held on June 7th, 2020, with other ministries to follow.

We are encouraged that these new guidelines will enable us to reopen Worship Services and ministries on a limited basis. However, we know that not everyone will be able to attend based on employment requirements, health concerns, and personal decision, we are looking forward to the day when we get to have everyone return to fellowship.

Our concern now, as we approach reopening, is the safety and health of our congregation and our community. We will be strictly following the “Phase 1 and 2 Religious and Faith-based Organization COVID-19 Requirements” [click here](#), the “Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith” [click here](#), and the CDC’s “Guidance for Child Care Programs” [click here](#). As such, here is what you need to know about your return to Family Bible Church.

1. Even though Family Bible Church is reopening, there may be employment requirements, health concerns, and personal conscience decisions which are all key factors in deciding when you will return to Family Bible Church. We will be excited to see you when you can and when you feel comfortable to return. Until we are able to return to full capacity Family Bible Church will continue to produce our Sunday Morning Online options for those who are still at home.
2. We will need to be flexible. As we have seen over the last few months, there have been moving targets on dates for closure and return. These past two weeks have been fast paced and we will need to stay up to date on developing regulations and guidelines as they happen.
3. As of now, we are allowed 50 people within a single location on campus per worship service or mid-week ministry. So, this means...
 - a. For **Sunday Morning Worship Services**, you will need to sign-up through our registrations page that will be available the week prior to each Sunday Service, Mondays at 5pm – Saturday at 5pm. If you cannot sign-up through the registrations page you can call the office (360-679-1585) and we will sign you up for a service.
 - b. There will be four service times available starting on June 7th, 2020. The times are 8:00am | 9:00am | 10:15am (w/Children’s Program) | 11:30am (w/Children’s Program). If you do not have children, please consider attending the 8:00am or 9:00am service times. Doors will open 10 minutes prior to your service and

services will last approximately 40 minutes. Children's Program Check-in will open 15 minutes prior to the 10:15am and 11:30am services.

- i. Only 40 spots will be available for sign-up in the main service as to leave room for those who could not sign-up, walk-ins, and first-time visitors.
 - c. No Adult Sunday Schools will meet until further notice is given.
 - d. For **Mid-week Ministries and Meetings**. Only 25% capacity or 50 people (whichever is less) in any given space on campus is allowed under these guidelines. Consult your ministry leaders for further information about groups taking place during this Phase of the state's reopening plan. Many groups will continue meeting virtually during this Phase.
4. What do you need to be aware of?
 - a. **Masks are required** for all Religious and Faith Based gatherings for ages 12 and older. It is recommended that children 3-11 wear masks if they are able.
 - b. **Reduced Entrances**: For entrance into the Worship Center you must enter through the South Lobby doors. Exceptions will only be made for those who park in the handicap parking on the North side of the Lobby.
 - c. **Reduced Exits**: You must exit through the West side of the Worship Center and the North Lobby Exit.
 - d. **Hygiene**: Upon entrance you must sanitize your hands or wash your hands in the nearest restroom.
 - e. **General health**: Maintain general hygiene prior to and during services. Ask yourself these questions before coming to services or ministry gatherings. If yes, to any, please stay home.
 - i. Have you had any respiratory symptoms?
 - ii. Have you had a fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 3 days?
 - iii. Have you been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - f. **Restrooms**: Restrooms will be open during services and you must wash your hands upon exiting the restroom. Sanitizing supplies will be available in each stall and at the counters in each restroom. Please do not crowd into the restrooms while waiting. Line up in the hallway. The main restroom doors must remain propped open for sanitary purposes.
 - g. **Traffic Patterns**: There will be clearly marked foot traffic patterns to maintain physical distancing while entering and exiting the building.
 - h. **Physical distancing** (6' from others) is required unless they are in your immediate family or circle of 5 people you socialize with under Phase 2 guidelines.
 - i. Lining up for services prior to entrance will be okay, but you will be asked to keep physical distancing requirements while doing so.
 - ii. There will be no "mingling" between services inside the building. We must completely clear the building before the next service enters. You may fellowship outside but would encourage you to make room in the parking lot for those coming to the next service.

5. **Children's Programs** (upon condition of safety and staffing - be ready to be flexible).
 - a. 0-1 year will remain with parents in the Worship Center.
 - b. Pre-school (2-5 years) will meet in C3. There will be 15 available spots for sign-ups at 10:15 and again at 11:30.
 - c. Kid's Church (entering Kindergarten – 6th grade) will be in C6. There will be 35 available spots for sign-ups at 10:15 and 11:30.
 - d. Check-in for all Children's Programs will be at the C-building South Entrance downstairs, please line-up in the breeze way.
 - e. You will be asked three questions upon check-in.
 - i. Have you or your children had any respiratory symptoms?
 - ii. Have you or your children had a fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 3 days?
 - iii. Have you or your children been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - f. Check-in will begin 15 minutes prior to service times.
 - g. Check-out will be in the same location at the C-building South Entrance downstairs, in the breezeway.
 - h. Please do not "mingle" with teachers, volunteers, or parents in the breezeway so that staff and volunteers may have the proper time to clean between each service.
 - i. Parents with children in a Children's Program will be released from services first.
6. **Contact Reporting**: Family Bible Church will comply with contact reporting essential to prevent the spread of disease. We know that this may be a major sticking point for some. Please take this into your consideration as you prepare to return to Family Bible Church services and ministries.

Finally, please be patient with us as changes will inevitably happen as new guidance is given by the Governor, state officials, and the CDC. We will do our best to communicate quickly and fully with you as these changes occur. We also probably forgot something in this message. So, stay tuned for more information as we process through these guidelines for reopening Family Bible Church.

You are in our prayers and we look forward to seeing you in the weeks to come.

In Christ's love and by His grace,
The Staff and Elders of Family Bible Church