

Revised Regathering Guidance – First Baptist Church of Bloomfield

This temporary guidance applies until further notice.

Questions to consider before gathering in-person for worship with us:

- Do I have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or any other symptoms which might make people around me uncomfortable given the circumstances?
- Do my current circumstances put me at higher risk for contracting COVID-19?
- Do my current circumstances put me at higher risk for transmitting COVID-19 to others around me?
- **If your answer is, “yes,” to any of the above, we encourage you to participate online:**
 - Live, full-length worship services air at 10:30 a.m. and are each accessible by a unique link to be posted weekly at Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom. Anyone can request to become a member of that page.
 - Recorded, edited worship services will be available to the public at YouTube.com/fcbloomfield.

Guidance for those gathering to worship, in-person:

- Please wear a face covering for worship as a gift of love and consideration to those around you.
 - We are asking this of all persons over the age of 5.
 - A limited number of masks will be available at the church. If you don't already have one, you may take one and keep it for your own personal use.
 - The only persons not wearing face coverings will be persons on the platform and *only while they are in the process of songleading, reading, or preaching*. At all other times, they are also asked to wear masks.
- Please observe social distancing when possible and seek to keep in-person conversations outside the building.

How seating will work:

- Doors to the church and sanctuary will be propped open **beginning at 10:15 a.m. and again immediately after services** for your convenience and to reduce physical contact.
- Please go directly to your seats once you enter the building.
- Seating will be limited to the 2nd, 4th, and 6th rows of pews in each section.
 - *Please leave six feet between your household (or extended family) and the next household on the pew.*
- The congregation will be dismissed row-by-row at the end of each service. Please do not linger indoors.
- Offering boxes will be available in the narthex but will not be passed during the service.

What's open, what's closed on Sunday mornings:

- Exterior doors upstairs by the sanctuary will be open.
- The lower level of the church, including exterior doors, will be closed.
- The CLC will be closed.
- The upstairs restrooms and sanctuary will be open.
- The narthex area will be open for passing through but closed to gatherings; no food or drinks will be available.
- The nursery rooms will be closed to children playing but open if you need to change a diaper or nurse a baby.
- There will be no formal children's activities – Sunday school, nursery, children's worship – for now.
- All classrooms, for now, will be closed. *The deacons are working on a plan for restarting Sunday school.*
- The sanctuary will be closed during the week to allow for surfaces to be cleaned and remain clean.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your own risk and for your willingness to abide by this guidance. We are trying to do what we can to make the most number of people most safe and most comfortable to regather for worship at FBC. While we do not know how long this pandemic will last, these restrictions are intended to be temporary only.

Grace and peace,

Your FBC Deacons, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Pastor