

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

RETURN TO CHURCH PLAN & POLICIES

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1. Any high-risk individuals (and/or care-givers of high-risk individuals) should consider staying home and using one of the online options or telephone option for church services.

- a. Medical experts find those at highest risk for life-threatening illness from COVID-19 include the following:
 - People 65 years and older
 - People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
 - People of all ages with underlying medical conditions
- b. Underlying medical conditions include, but not limited to the following area:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who are immunocompromised
(Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications)
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and/or liver disease
 - People with chronic or serious heart conditions

2. An usher or staff member will be at each entrance to provide admittance into the building and give instructions.

- Ushers will wear protective face coverings at all times.
- EACH attendee will be expected to practice social distancing and follow instructions regarding the health and safety of all those present.
- EACH attendee must bring his/her own mask and put it on before entering the building. In the event an attendee does not have his/her own mask, he/she may request a mask from one of the ushers and must put it on before entering the building.

3. Entrance will be refused to any individual who has been in contact with an infected person or who is exhibiting symptoms of any illness, including the following symptoms that have been associated with COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Repeated shaking
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell or other neurological issue

4. All public church facilities will undergo extreme sanitization and disinfecting between each church service.

- 1) Please use restroom facilities only if necessary. Restrooms will be constantly cleaned and disinfected.
- 2) Plenty of hand soap and hand sanitizer is available for use. (Use of hand soap is recommended; however, use of hand sanitizer is also recommended whenever hand soap is unavailable.)
- 3) Facial tissues and places to dispose of used tissues will be available throughout the building.

- 4) Times and dates for clean-up of facilities and restrooms will be recorded on Maintenance and Cleaning Tracker Sheets.
- 5) Bottled water will be available, as needed; all water fountains will be shut off.
- 6) Currently nurseries are not available, but will be in the future.

5. Social distancing of six feet must be in effect.

- a. Attendees will be instructed on where to sit by ushers to ensure social distancing.
- b. While at a church gathering, families should enter, sit, stand, and exit as a group. No one should wander away from his/her family group.
 - Distancing should be kept in all direction – front, back, left and right.
 - Each family group should remain at least six feet away in all directions from other attending family groups.
- c. All physical contact should be prohibited (handshakes, hugs, etc.).
- d. During a church service, should someone exhibit signs of sickness, he/she will be moved to an isolated room and asked to leave as soon as possible.
- e. Instruction will be given for proper dismissal after each service to ensure social distancing is maintained and there is no unnecessary crowding or congregating at the exits.
- f. If weather permits, to increase ventilation as much as possible, doors will be propped open or held open by ushers to minimize contact with door handles.

6. Church offerings should be made on-line or at the designated locations in the church building.

7. No printed church bulletins or literature of any kind will be used in order to limit hand-to-hand exposure.

8. No nurseries or bus ministries will be held at this time.

9. Service Schedule

Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Classes (for ages four to adults)*
	10:40 AM	Morning Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Service
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Master Clubs for Kids*
	7:15 PM	Bible Study

**Parents are to accompany their children at "children's class check-in" for Sunday Morning Bible Classes and Master Clubs. A worker will greet parents, confirm that children are not sick, confirm that children have not been in contact with anyone who has been sick and take temperatures of all children entering the classroom.*

Note: The guidelines developed for Independent Baptist Church are based on the CDC Guidelines and Christian Law Association recommendations.