

Reopening Guidelines For EBC

In addition to our services being offered online, we are thankful to begin providing an opportunity to worship in person on Sunday, May 31st. We ask by prayer and wisdom that you decide the best venue for you and your family to worship at this time. May we all do our part to come back together safely and responsibly as possible.

The following are the guidelines and instructions for our in-person services. Please remember this is the **first step** in getting back together. We understand there are aspects of this plan that are less than what we desire church gatherings to be, but we pray this will simply be the beginning of better things to come. Thank you for your grace, support and love during this difficult time.

1. Please carefully consider your personal safety and the safety of others:
If answer YES to any of these questions, **please stay home**:

- * Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- * Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or a sore throat?
- * Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - ** Fever defined as a temperature above 100.4 degrees
- * Have you experienced any loss of taste or smell?
- * Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

We also encourage those persons at high risk for COVID-19 to continue to watch services online and not attend services at this time. High risk individuals include:

- * People 65 or older
- * People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled including:
 - ** People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - ** People who have serious heart conditions
 - ** 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 system weakening medication.
 - ** People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - ** People with diabetes
 - ** People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis

*We encourage each family to do what they believe is best for them and others around them with attending church activities. We believe that **church-connection** is essential whether it is online or in person. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S SAFE OR RIGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND IN PERSON AT THIS TIME, PLEASE STAY HOME. Just because the **option** for in-person services and activities are available, it does not necessarily mean you should attend. We will continue to work hard to provide services and teaching online, as well as continuing to look for other ways to connect with one another.*

2. LIVESTREAM OF THE 9:00 am SANCTUARY SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE and YOUTUBE CHANNEL EACH SUNDAY.
3. Services with the max of 50 people will be held in the sanctuary.
 - * Services will be Sunday morning at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am
 - * *Reservations for Sunday will be open Tuesday at 1:00 pm until Friday at 3:00 pm. Link for sign-ups is available on the website. Please communicate with us if your plans change after Friday since we have limited spots available for each service.*
 - * Please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before the service and use designated doors and parking lots for your service.
4. We ask if anyone shows any signs of COVID-19 after attending a service, they contact the office immediately. (207.748.1248 / ebcsecretary@comcast.net)
 - * There will be a list of all attendees for each service so we can communicate to everyone who attended if anyone shows signs of being sick.
5. We ask for everyone to wear masks while arriving and leaving. (Extra masks will be available at the entrance). We also ask for masks to be worn when humming or singing softly during the worship time. We will not require masks during the preaching because the seating will be socially distanced. Please remember that masks help keep OTHERS healthy. Let's go the extra mile to keep each other safe.
6. Hand cleaner will be available at the entrance and in multiple places.
7. Please do not shake hands, touch or hug individuals at this time. We will adhere to social spacing guidelines. Please keep 6 feet of physical distance from people besides your family.
8. The chairs will be set up with plenty of spacing between the rows. Please only use the chairs in the center sections of the sanctuary. Those living in the same household may sit together, but keep at least 6 feet distance between other families.
9. Children's Worship will begin Sunday, August 16th during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services. Sign-up for Children's Worship will be required. Sign-ups are at the same times and using the same link as church sign-ups.
10. Bathrooms are emergency use only.
11. There will be no bulletins, welcome cards, pew Bibles or hymnals.
12. There will be an offering box located at the entrance/exit instead of passing a plate.
13. We have closed off the downstairs, cry room, balcony, gym and youth room during the service.

Thank you for your grace and flexibility as we work through all of this for the first time. We are sure we will be able to make adjustments and improvements week by week and will do our best to communicate those changes. Please contact any of the elders or pastors if you have any concerns or questions.