

Reopening Guidelines For EBC

November 2, 2020

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. We also believe we have learned much about COVID-19 in the last 8 months and are doing everything we can to keep our church services and activities as safe as possible. Our prayer as church leadership is to protect and provide for your spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being. Thank you for your grace, support, and love as we continue to do our best in these unprecedented times to care for all of you.

1. Please continue to carefully consider your personal safety and the safety of others. Please reference the "COVID-19 Pre-Screening tool before attending church.
2. We also encourage those persons at high risk for COVID-19 to use extra caution in making the decision to attend services or church activities 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

3. LIVESTREAM OF THE 9:00 am SANCTUARY SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE and YOUTUBE CHANNEL EACH SUNDAY.

4. Services with the max of 50 people will be held in the sanctuary

- * Services will be Sunday morning at 9:00am, 10:15am, and 11:30am. (The new service times will allow for more time between services to safely fellowship and not overlap with people arriving for the next service)

- * Reservations for Sunday will be open Tuesday at 7:00 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.

* Livestream services will be offered in the fellowship hall for each service. (Those in the Livestream service will be offered first spots in the sanctuary service the following week)

* Please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before the service and use designated doors and parking lots for your service.

5. 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.

6. We ask for everyone to wear masks while arriving, leaving and while you are in the building. Please remember that masks help keep OTHERS healthy. Let's go the extra mile to keep each other safe. (Extra masks will be available at the entrance)

7. Hand cleaner will be available at the entrance and in multiple places.

8. 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.

9. The chairs will be set up with plenty of spacing between the rows. Those living in the same household may sit together, but keep at least 6 feet distance between other families.

10. Children's Worship and Nursery are available during the 9:00 am and 11:30am services. Sign-up for Children's Worship and Nursery is required. Sign-ups are at the same times and using the same link as church sign-ups.

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. There will be cleaning of high touch areas in between services.