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## Butler City Church COVID-19 Response Plan

As our country has had to adapt to the changes brought on by this pandemic, the Church has had to as well. On March 15, 2020 Butler City Church made the difficult decision to suspend in-person services until it was considered safe enough to resume them in the future. With most of the state reopening under new restrictions and guidelines designed to keep people safe and healthy our Church has had to implement similar restrictions and guidelines that allow us to meet in person, but to do so safely and in accordance with local, state, and even federal guidelines and/or requirements. Below is a list of procedures that we will be following as we reopen for in-person services on Sunday July 19, 2020. We are very excited to be able to reopen, and we ask that anyone who decides to join us to understand and follow these established practices in order to demonstrate love for our neighbor and keep everyone healthy and safe.

1. As it stands, in order to operate with in-person services, all people who enter our building will be required to wear a face mask (medical or homemade) that covers both the nose and mouth.
  - We will have some masks available to those of you that do not have one, but these are limited and so if you have your own please bring it.
  - There are some exceptions to this requirement. If you have a child under 2, if you have a respiratory condition that makes wearing a mask difficult for you to breath, or a condition that requires assistance to put on or remove the mask you do not have to wear one.
  - If you choose to come to our service and do not have a mask on and do not ask for a mask we will assume you fall under one of the exemptions to the mask requirement.
2. Upon entering the building you must use the front doors or the elevator entrance around the back of the building if you cannot negotiate steps safely as the side door will remain locked from the outside.
3. You will be **required** to sanitize your hands with the provided hand sanitizer at each entrance. We recommend that you use it as you leave as well.
4. You must sit at least 6 feet away from anyone not living in your home both to your left and right as well as front to back.



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5. You will not be able to engage in normal gestures of greeting such as handshakes, or hugs. Please refrain from any physical contact from anyone not living in your home (this will be harder for the kids than anyone I am sure).

6. We are unable to have Children's Church at this time as our space for the kids makes social distancing impractical and let's face it, children struggle to keep their hands and their germs to themselves. Because of this, we will have a fully integrated family service that includes the kids. This may cause some distractions from what you are used to. If your child becomes too loud or cannot stay close to where you are seated, consider taking them downstairs for the service to our family room. **But please be aware you will be responsible for supervising them.** On the flip side, if you do not have kids, please keep in mind that there will be times when they get loud and move around. So do your best to be patient and demonstrate grace as parents will be doing their best.

7. Since kids will be in the service, everyone will have masks on, and because we need to limit how long we spend in a public space, the services will be a little shorter than normal. We will try to keep them to **1 hour** in length. We will have all the components of a normal service, just shortened slightly.

8. When the service ends, we ask that everyone leaves in a timely fashion because the building will need to be sanitized after each service. Please know that we don't want to discourage fellowship, but at this time it simply isn't safe to do so.

It is our sincere hope that you will consider joining us for in-person service starting July 19, 2020. We understand that these changes may be inconvenient but they are temporary. Our goal is to be a Church that can continue to meet in person, while at the same time creating an environment where everyone can worship as safely as possible. If you have any question please do not hesitate to reach out at [info@butlercitychurch.com](mailto:info@butlercitychurch.com).