

COMMUNITY EFREE AN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



Regathering Community Playbook

In cooperation with Michigan's "Steps to Reopen" Phase 5

This "playbook" is designed to help you make your decision about whether or not to attend Sunday morning worship service in person during phase 5 of the six-phase plan. Please remember, we will continue to live-stream service during this time.

Deciding Whether to Attend:

During this step of the reopening process, social distancing, non-contact and exceptional hygiene and sanitation are still vitally important.

Based on the CDC guidelines we recommend that individuals with underlying at-risk conditions continue to watch services online at this time. Each individual should weigh the risks and benefits of attending in person. We love you and want you to be safe.

We ask that anyone attending in person apply a face covering prior to entering the building, while singing and while exiting. Children 2 years old and under should not wear a cloth face covering, nor should those with a medical condition that prohibits it. We will have a limited number of disposable masks on hand for those who may not have a face covering of their own. If you choose not to wear one, please do not sing.

If you have symptoms of Covid-19, or if you have tested positive for Covid-19, please stay home.

Doors will open for volunteers and prayer meeting at 9:15 a.m. If you come prior to the attendant arriving **please use hand sanitizer first and then** self-check your temperature with the scanning thermometer and record it on the pad next to the door. Doors will open for general seating at 9:45 a.m. Service will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m.

What to Expect:

Both front and back foyer entrances will be open. As you approach the doors, you will notice that there are duct tape boxes on the ground, spaced six feet apart. Please maintain social distancing as you wait to have your temperature checked.

Prior to entering the foyer, you will be asked to put on a face covering, if you are not already wearing one. You will also be asked to allow our attendant to apply hand sanitizer to your hands. The attendant will also take your temperature. The CDC recommends that those with temperatures over 100.4 degrees not be around others. Just as we do not allow children with fevers into the nursery, we cannot allow anyone with a fever to join the worship service. You will also be asked the following health questions: In the past two weeks have you tested positive for COVID-19 or experienced symptoms? Are you awaiting results of testing for COVID-19? In the past two weeks have you had known exposure to anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19? In the past two weeks have you had any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of smell or taste?

Candles:

The LED candles on the tables in the front can be turned on to signify answered prayer. The candles will be disinfected between services.

Food & Beverages:

As always, you are permitted to bring your own food or beverages. Please be aware that we will not be serving coffee and the drinking fountain will be turned off.

Greeting One Another:

Please participate in a non-contact greeting. A smile, a kind word and an "air hug" are acceptable; handshakes and hugs are not.

Worship / Singing:

Members of the worship team will be social distanced from each other, as well as from those in attendance. Additionally, members of the worship team who are singing will have a protective barrier between them and the congregation. Please keep your mask on but feel free to stand while singing.

Offering:

Two offering boxes have been installed in the back of the auditorium near the main doors. You can also give using easytithes.com (link found on our website).

At the Conclusion of Service:

Please remember to social distance and wear a mask as you leave the building. If you will be participating in Sunday School, please wear your mask as you move between rooms. As you know, our church family has a tendency to linger after the service. We ask that if you are going to remain on property, that you do so outside the building and while maintaining social distance.

Adult Sunday School:

Please social distance **or** wear a mask during Sunday School.

Nursery & Community Kids:

Nursery will not be staffed in the near future, but will be available if parents would like to take their children there. We now have both audio and video of the service in the nursery. Parents using the nursery should wear masks, wipe down all surfaces/toys touched, and throw away changing table paper after use.

For the time being, all preschool and elementary age children will remain with their parents until the message and then will be dismissed to Community Kids. Children need to wear their masks when moving from the auditorium to their class. They will continue wearing their mask if they are not able to be socially distanced.

Community Kids leaders and children will sanitize their hands upon arriving in the classroom. Age appropriate toys and activities that are easy to clean and sanitize will be used to entertain children between Community Kids and SS. Community Kids will not be using the game room to help limit cross contamination. Each child will have their own bag of academic tools to use during the lessons.

If your child has any symptoms of fever, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, rashes or other illness within 48 hours, we ask that you keep your child home.

Community Groups:

Community Groups are welcome to meet in person, but please continue to social distance **or** wear masks. Some groups may want to continue using zoom for members that are not yet comfortable attending in person.

Youth Ministry:

IMPACT Youth Group will resume meeting in person, however, they will be social distanced and wear masks when moving between areas.

Restrooms:

You are encouraged to use the restroom before coming. If you need to use one of the 3 available restrooms, please disinfect anything you touch prior to leaving the restroom.

Hand washing / Hand sanitizer:

You are highly encouraged to wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer often. Obviously, each restroom will be ready for hand washing, but the library sink has also been converted into a handwashing station for use during this phase 5. There are also several places in addition to the greeting attendant, where hand sanitizer is available throughout the auditorium, library and nursery.

Accessing Other Areas:

During phase 5, the children's wing, south wing, and office areas will be unavailable, except with permission or in order to use the restroom by Pastor Andy's office. The gym will be unavailable except to access the men's restroom.

Please remember that the regulations found in this playbook are written to keep our congregation safe, not to impede your freedom, during this very fragile time. Your willingness to comply with these recommendations is a show of Christian love to your brothers and sisters at Community. This playbook is valid for the short period of time that we are in phase 5 and soon many of these things will be done away with.

As has been stated multiple times previously, if you are not comfortable with these regulations, please feel free to stay home and watch the service online.

Whether we are meeting in-person or on-line, it is our desire is to encourage the body and exalt our Savior.