

# Guidelines for attending Worship Service in person

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*Joy Community Fellowship Leadership Team*

## **Before attending, make sure you can answer “NO” to the following questions:**

1. Have you or anyone in your household tested positive with the Covid-19 or are suspected of having Covid-19 within the past 14 days?
2. Have you or anyone in your household come into contact with any person within the past 14 days who has tested positive for Covid-19 or is suspected of having Covid-19?
3. In the past 14 days, have you or anyone in your household traveled abroad? If so, where?
4. Currently or in the past 14 days, have you experienced any of the following symptoms: dry cough, sore throat, fever or shortness of breath?

## **Who Should Attend? Who Should Stay Home?**

- Out of love for our congregation and all of its members, out of love we encourage all who may be vulnerable to consider not attending services during this first phase of opening. According to the CDC vulnerable includes any of 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, 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 weakening medications.
  - People with severe obesity
  - People with diabetes.
  - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis.
  - People with liver disease.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

## **Good Hygiene and Social-Distancing Awareness**

- Attendees who are sick or feel ill should not enter as a precaution and watch the streaming service instead.
- Attendees should strive to maintain 6-foot social distancing at all times (*including during entry and exit from lobby or sanctuary*).

- Attendees should thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after touching doors, pews, or other frequently used surfaces on campus.
- Attendees should disinfect frequently used personal items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Attendees will be required to wear face masks or medical face coverings before entering the lobby and sanctuary.
  - Face masks must be tight enough to capture/block any accidental sneezes or coughs, as well as prevent attendees from touching their mouths.
  - If an attendee feels an accidental sneeze or cough coming on, they should do it in a tissue or the inside of their elbow.
  - Taking off face coverings outside the building will be permitted as long as 6-foot social distancing protocols are implemented. Attendees have the responsibility to each other to continue to practice social distancing.
    - *Exceptions will only be made for pastor and worship team members while on stage during the worship service.*

### **General Service Information**

- No child care will be provided during “Phase One” due to safety concerns.
- If attending with a child(ren), they should be comfortable wearing a mask for the entirety of the service, comfortable seeing everyone else in a mask, and able to easily maintain a 6 foot distance from other worshippers during the service.

### **Entering the Lobby**

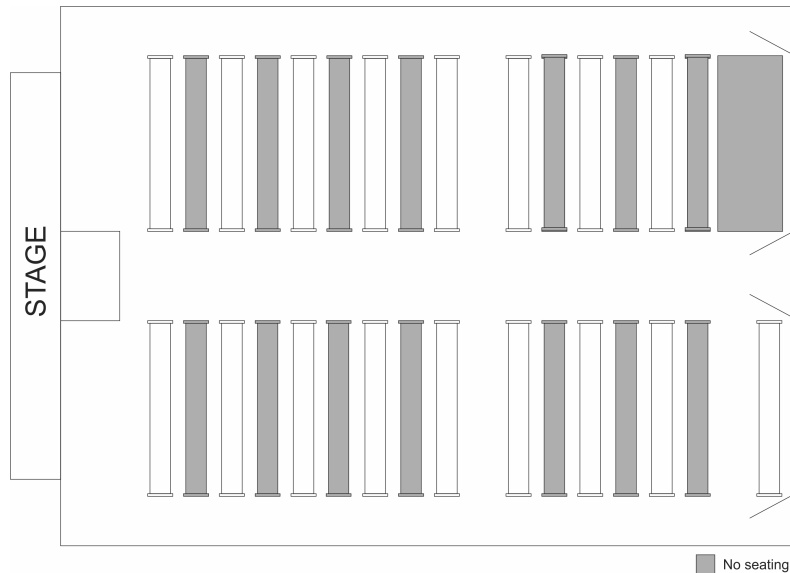
- There will be no Joy Café at this time. Feel free to bring coffee and water from home.
- Please use hand sanitizer provided on the table.
- We will be taking the temperature of all attendees as they enter. Anyone with a temperature over 100 will be sent home for everyone’s safety.
- If you did not remember to bring a mask from home, you may pick up a disposable mask on the table in the lobby.
- Congregating inside of the lobby will be prohibited.
- Exterior doors will remain open
- Bulletins will be available at the Welcome Table and online – to be accessed by mobile device or computer [www.joynj.org](http://www.joynj.org).

### **Entering the Sanctuary**

- When entering the sanctuary as a household, please maintain 6 feet from others and make sure mask is on.
- Sanctuary doors will remain open at all times.

### **Inside The Sanctuary**

- Congregating in the sanctuary is acceptable as long as 6-foot social distancing protocols are implemented and face masks are worn. Attendees have the responsibility to each other to continue to practice social distancing.
  - Seating will be limited to every other pew. Only sit in the pew with the red cushions.
  - Attendees will sit 3 per pew spaced evenly (except if sitting as a household unit)
  - We can accommodate a maximum of 50 attendees at this time.



### **Dismissal from Sanctuary At End Of Service**

- After service you may fellowship in the sanctuary as long as social distancing is observed and masks worn.
- Sanctuary doors will remain open as will exterior doors.
- Upon exiting the sanctuary we ask that all attendees exit the building without congregating.
- Socializing can be done outside the church building.

### **Limited Use of Restrooms**

- Restroom usage should be limited, and if there is a line, please return to your seat until the line dissipates.
  - Use paper towel to open the door for exiting.
  - Faucets, inner doors, toilet handles and seats will be thoroughly wiped with Clorox wipes periodically upon usage.