



FBCHH COVID PROTOCOLS

CHURCH COVID PROTOCOL

We are committed to providing you with a welcoming and safe physical environment for you to worship, learn and serve. In order to ensure your health while at First Baptist Church (FBC) and a spirit to serve and love others:

1. PREVENTATIVE

MASKS ON CHURCH PROPERTY, BUT PHYSICAL DISTANCING IS OPTIONAL

- We are now highly encouraging and recommending masks be worn while on church property (both inside and outside) in a spirit to seek to love others and to maintain the ability to assemble by keeping everyone safe.
- Social distancing is optional indoors and outdoors on our church grounds.

HAND SANITIZER WILL BE AVAILABLE

- We will have hand sanitizer stations placed regularly around the in-person worship areas.
- You can also wash your hands in the restrooms.

LIMITED SURFACE CONTACT AND REGULAR CLEANING

- We will not pass around an offering bag; please continue to give online thru our [church website](#).
- The communion elements are individually packaged.
- All high-touch areas (doors, counters, light switches, table tops, etc.) will be cleaned regularly and after each event.

2. SYMPTOMS

- If you are feeling ill with flu-like symptoms, please stay home.
- If you are feeling covid like symptoms, please stay home.



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3. TESTING POSITIVE

We need to know when someone who has attended a service or meeting at one of our locations has tested positive for covid. If you have been to a FBC service or meeting and you then test positive for covid, please contact us as soon as possible. Your information will be kept confidential. We're asking you to notify us regarding:

- (1) when you received your positive test and
- (2) what recent service or meeting you attended and who was sitting around you. That enables us to then start contact tracing, to let other people who attended that same service/event know that they may have been exposed to covid and may want to consider getting tested.

*In both cases, please notify an elder.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CARE

*Your personal information will not be shared with anyone.

In addition to notifying other FBC service/meeting attendees about their potential exposure we want to care for YOU! Specifically, we would like to have an elder reach out to see if they can pray for you and/or your affected family member and learn if there are any practical ways we can serve you while you and your family members are in isolation/quarantine. If you do not wish any follow up from an elder we will certainly honor that too.

5. CONTACT TRACING

If you have recently attended a FBC service/meeting at which we learn another attender has subsequently tested positive for covid, we will ask them for whom they were in close contact with and you will receive a letter like the one below letting you know that you may have been exposed to covid.

6. RETURN TO CHURCH

Per recent CDC guidelines, please feel free to return to church after 5 days of self quarantining and a negative covid test.

Thank you for helping us provide everyone at FBC with a safe, enjoyable environment!

We know that this is an uncertain and difficult time and we affirm that you are not alone in this journey. Given the power of this virus, with you we appeal to Jesus Christ who said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give" (John 14:27). Contact us with any questions or concerns you have; we remain in prayer for you.

Sincerely,

Elder David Eng
Elder Oscar Vasquez

[Some parts adapted from Crossroads Church](#)



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SAMPLE LETTER

[Date]

Dear staff member/congregant,

We have learned that you may recently have been in close contact with someone who has covid while on the premises here at the church. Know that your health is our number one priority and that we are in full support of you, your family and others who may have had similar contact. To this end, we are taking the following steps to best insure your health and the health of others:

- We request that you self-monitor your health for 5 days and if symptoms develop, self-isolate, notify us, get tested and notify local health officials, if necessary. Also notify anyone you have come in contact with about your condition and request that they self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.
- If necessary, we will notify local health officials, staff and potentially exposed stakeholders of any case of covid while maintaining your confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

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