

# Frontline Gathering Guide: Updated

We are so glad to be gathering in person. While we cannot predict what the future will hold, we want to do our best to adapt as needed so that we can continue to worship together, hear the Word proclaimed, and experience the sacraments with one another.

Due to the recent spike of COVID-19 cases, we are updating our Gathering Guide. We will continue to seek the Lord for wisdom, monitor COVID-19 trends, and receive feedback from local medical professionals as we adjust this guide to fit the season we are in.

## **Unity**

One of the greatest threats to gospel ministry is division. The subject of face coverings has become a deeply contentious topic. While there is room for differences of opinion, the clear command of scripture is to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” In light of that, we are calling all members and attenders of Frontline to protect our unity and to avoid assigning motives to people who you may disagree with. Assuming that people with masks are driven by fear or assuming that people without masks lack love for neighbors is immature and destructive.

## **Precautions**

If you or your children are not feeling well, have a cough, shortness of breath, fever, sore throat, or chills, please protect yourself and others by staying home.

## **Staff practices**

All of our staff and volunteers will have their temperatures checked and will be sent home if they have a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms.



## **Procedures for gathering**

- If you don't feel well or have health concerns, please stay home and listen to or watch our current sermon online.
- High touch areas are sanitized between services. Additional hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout the building.
- The Lord's Table will be served by a person who has just sanitized their hands; you will receive the bread into your open hand to minimize the number of people touching the elements. We will also have individually packaged elements ready for you near your seats to use if you so choose.
- We will not pass offering baskets and will have boxes placed in the sanctuary.

## **Nursery and Kid's Church**

- Please check your child's temperature before coming to church. If your child is sick or has a fever of 100.4° or higher, we ask that you keep them home.
- The check-in process for your children will be touchless.
- Signage for parents relating to temperature guidelines are posted near our check-in stations and classrooms.
- Touchless temperature checks are available for parents. "Feel better bags" will be provided for any children sent home.
- We will clean the high touch areas in the classrooms between services.
- At this time, we will not offer any snacks for children.

## **Sermon Video and Audio**

If you do not feel comfortable attending or need to isolate yourself at home, we post our sermons weekly at <http://FrontlineChurch.com>. You can find the sermon videos at <https://downtown.frontlinechurch.com/sermons> and you can subscribe to your congregation's audio sermons on the podcast app of your choice. You can find our audio by searching "Frontline" and your congregation (Frontline South, for example). Upon subscribing, you will have access to years of back sermons.

## **Guidance on Isolation, Quarantine, and Testing**

If you know or think you have COVID-19, our staff must follow these guidelines, and we ask that you do too:



## **Positive or Believe You're Positive**

- Isolate for ten days from the first onset of symptoms.
- If, after ten days from the first onset of symptoms, symptoms are improving and you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine, you may exit isolation.

## **Exposure**

If you were in contact with someone positive for COVID-19, you are strongly encouraged to follow the current recommended guidelines for quarantine:

- Stay home for ten days after your last exposure.

However, if you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and you meet the following criteria, you do NOT need to quarantine:

- Someone who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID-19. It is, however, recommended that fully vaccinated people get tested 3-5 days after their exposure even if they don't have symptoms, and they wear a mask indoors in public until their test results are negative OR for 14 days following exposure.

OR

- Someone who has had COVID-19 within the previous three months has recovered and remains free of COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath).

## **Notification**

If a Frontline staff member is made aware that an attendee of a Frontline event or Community Group has tested positive for COVID-19, we will do our best to notify the individual or parents of those who have had close contact with with them.

