



Safeguards for Corporate Gatherings (Nov. 2020)

As we return to gathering indoors for weekly worship services, we have put in place the following safeguards, aimed at maintaining a safe and clean environment during this Covid-19 season and mitigating any virus spread.

As you consider these precautions, remember that one of our aims as a church is to serve one another, not only the strongest and healthiest, but also the weakest and most vulnerable. Our goal is also to remain being able to meet together in-person over the next few months. And so we pray that any inconveniences might be considered minor in pursuit of those twin goals of protecting one another and preserving our ability to meet in a safe, responsible way.

Precautions

Sickness

- If you are **sick or exhibiting any of the symptoms** the CDC has associated with Covid-19, we ask that you refrain from attending any THBC gatherings.
- If you or anyone in your household has been in **close contact** with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 (currently or within the last 14 days) or who is awaiting test results, please remain at home and follow the CDC's recommendations.

Face coverings

- In compliance with the State of Maryland's guidelines, everyone in attendance must **wear a face covering** over their nose and mouth at all times while in the building. If you do not have a mask, we can provide one for you.

Seating and spacing

- In order to maintain safe physical distance and stay within the current gathering size limits, we have **reduced seating capacity** in the sanctuary.
 - We ask that family units, those from the same household, and/or those in regular contact with each other sit together to maximize capacity.
- To maximize building capacity in a physically distanced way, once the sanctuary is at or near capacity, we plan to have expanded **overflow seating** in the Fellowship Hall, where the service will be **Live-Streamed**.
 - Our goal is to provide space at our services for everyone to attend.
- Those in attendance should aim to **keep a responsible distance** (6 feet) between themselves and others. This also applies to post-service as well. Instead of crowding around to talk indoors, consider continuing fellowship outside to maximize spacing and distance.

Cleaning

- Meeting spaces and restrooms will be cleaned/disinfected after usage.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in various locations.

Restrooms

- To alleviate crowding, we ask that each restroom be limited to one person/family at a time. We will hang an occupied/not occupied sign on the door to identify if the restroom is occupied.