

# Frequently Asked Questions #2 April 2021

Dear Friends,

Your patience, prayers, and support have been so appreciated by the pastors, staff, Leadership Team, and Re-Entry Team.

As we continue to work through the challenges of a pandemic, know that Christ Church is strong and committed to taking God's message of salvation to those around us and to the world.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Team

## 1. **QUESTION: When will we be fully back in-person?**

We have been "in-person" since October and have relied on the CDC/State regulations with regard to spacing and mask wearing in determining our capacity. Though the state has increased the % of people allowed in a service, we are still confined to the social distancing spacing of 6ft which limits our overall capacity. As this changes, we will also adjust.

**-9:00AM is our only in-person option right now. Our current capacity is 35 Sanctuary and 40 in Connection Café**

## 2. **QUESTION: What does that mean for live streaming online church?**

We will be continuing an online presence and will continue to live stream at 9 & 10:30 am each Sunday morning. We will also begin to live stream and video other content like classes or seminars with the goal of creating a thriving online community.

### **Why keep the live-streaming online church going once the pandemic is over?**

Covid-19 changed the landscape for churches in a dramatic way:

- We have been able to minister to people who live out of state
- We have been able to keep connected to those who are health compromised and may continue to be even after the pandemic
- We have been able to open ministry to those who may not be able to travel at night or during inclement weather
- We have been creating an online ministry where many people are "trying" church for the first time and have decided to stay; this applies to many in the younger generations

## 3. **QUESTION: Will I still need to register for in-person services**

Registering for a service is helpful because it helps us plan and contact tracing but people can always just show up if space allows. So yes, we'd prefer if you register for all our services and events. We still have the state and federal guidelines in terms of seating capacity.

**4. QUESTION: What about family and youth ministry?**

In January, we decided to open up our Ministry Center for our **Ten25 (students 5th grade to 12th grade) and Ckids (K-4th)** to meet on Wednesdays at a variety of times. This has been vital to the mental and spiritual health of our kids.

In February, we started a **Family Sunday** which will continue as the **3rd Sunday of each month**. Families have **priority in the Sanctuary** registration and **child-care** will be available during our **9:00 AM service**.

**5. QUESTION: Can C groups meet in-person yet?**

**Yes!** As more people are vaccinated, we are opening up the church to allow our C-groups to meet while still maintaining **social distancing, mask wearing, and cleaning protocols**. We ask that you limit your group to a maximum of **15 people**.

**Access to the church building** will need to be scheduled with the church office along with your C-group.

**4. QUESTION: What are the safety measures that will remain in place?**

- mask wearing
- social distancing
- hand sanitizing stations
- cleaning protocols before and after services
- plexiglass dividing singers, 14 ft distance between singers and congregation
- 8 ultraviolet air sterilizers to our ventilation systems in the church and ministry center which will run continuously while the building is occupied

**Note:** You will need permission from the office to enter/schedule meeting at the church

**5. QUESTION: What are the plans for the summer and fall?**

As the regulations change and vaccinations help open up the state, we will be responding accordingly. We hope to begin planning more outdoor services and ways to engage in community and ministry.

**6. QUESTION: Do you still need help?**

**YES!** Join a team. This is your way of helping us get back together.

- a. Cleaning Team (to help keep our church safe for everyone)
- b. Greeting/check-in Team (welcoming and helping with the process of entering the building)
- c. Production Team (video, tech, mixing, and online responsibilities)

**7. QUESTION: How are we doing financially since the COVID-19 protocol went into effect?**

Many of you have been able to continue your commitment to Christ Church in your weekly tithes and offerings. Others have been hit hard financially by the coronavirus, and you have had to reduce or stop your weekly contributions. Because of this, we are behind in giving and have seriously cut expenditures to balance our budget.

**8. QUESTION: Who has been deciding how we respond to the coronavirus?**

The Leadership Team established our Re-Entry Team to monitor state and federal orders, directives, and guidelines. The Re-Entry Team works in complete collaboration with the Leadership Team.