

Shoreline Returning to Church Plan

Dear Shoreline Family,

To be sure, the church is not a place, it is a people; but the church is a people who gathers to worship God. The Greek word translated church means “assembly.” The church by definition gathers for worship. We have a desire for corporate worship, but we want to make sure that we can do so as safely as possible. We want to be able to meet for worship in a way that demonstrates and communicates our love for each other, our community, and most of all the Lord. We want to share with you our plans for when we worship in person and ask that our members and workers read our plan as we prepare to worship together.

Section One: Regarding those sick or at Risk

- Anyone who feels sick or has any symptoms of being sick should remain at home.
- No one should plan to attend services who is known to have had any contact with a known COVID-19 confirmed case.
- All our church staff and volunteer leaders will have their temperatures taken to ensure none of them have a temperature reading 100 degrees or over (Orange County Guidelines are above 100.4).

We will livestream our worship service so those at risk can watch the service at home. The CDC recommends those who are 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions stay home and watch the service live at home.

Those of all ages with underlying medical conditions include:

- Those with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Those with a serious heart condition
- Those who are 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.
- Those with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- Those with diabetes
- Those with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- Those with liver disease

Section Two: Social Distancing

The CDC encourages social distancing and the use of cloth face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained.

- We will make face coverings available at each entrance.
- We will post signs on every other row in order to physically distance the seating. We ask that people sit with their family while social distancing from other family units.
- We ask everyone to verbally affirm your love and appreciation for others without direct contact (hugs, handshakes, bumps, etc.).
- We will leave all doors we can propped open to avoid common contact.
- We will not pass out bulletins or other items.
- We will not pass offering plates, but have boxes in the back where people can drop off their offering. We also have online giving: <https://shorelinebaptist.churchcenter.com/giving>
- We will not share coffee or food on campus (feel free to bring your own coffee or refreshments).
- We will provide hand sanitizer stations, ask you to wash your hands before and after the service, and to cover your coughs or sneezes.
- We will initially not have childcare or kids church and ask that families sit together for the worship service.
- For the time being, we will continue to do our Life Group Bible studies online due to social distancing guideline restrictions.
- We will have our restrooms available for any emergencies.
- We will provide live streaming of the worship service in the Fellowship Room for those who would like to come but be in a room with less people.

Section Three: The Sanitation of Our Facilities

We want you to be aware of our sanitizing practices going forward for our entire campus. This includes:

- Cleaning all surface areas, high touch areas (handles to entry and exit doors), and high traffic areas. We will then spray an approved disinfectant over all surfaces in each room.
- The HVAC systems have been disinfected and filters replaced in case they are needed during operational times.
- Every effort is being made to operate with windows and doors open to maximize airflow when possible.