

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

June 24, 2020

Dear Church Family,

On March 15, in obedience to our Lord's command to love our neighbors and in compliance with the Center for Disease Control and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), all inperson gatherings at Fellowship Community Church were cancelled.

Since that time, the staff and Elders have been working diligently on preparations for gathering together again. The CDPHE recently released their guidance for Safer at Home: Places of Worship & Life-Rite Ceremonies. With this guidance the Staff and Elders have created a three phase approach to reopening the church.

Please understand that this will be a complex process and not a simple event. We are trying to balance the following three main concerns as we move ahead.

- 1) We are concerned for everyone's physical health.
- 2) We are concerned for everyone's spiritual health. The online services were only a supplement for meeting the spiritual needs during the global pandemic and have never been intended to be a replacement for physically gathering together for public worship. Our spiritual health depends on fellowship as God has designed us.
- 3) We are concerned for our testimony to the world. We must be trustworthy and future ministry largely depends on how wisely we progress.

While keeping these three points in consideration we have developed the following plan. Please realize that this is a plan that can change. Elders and Staff are looking into variances and other options, and we will do our best to update you on those changes.

Re-Opening Plan - Phase One

Beginning June 21 through July 26, we will be offering a "drive-in" church experience. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. for a one-hour FM-broadcast service in the north parking lot of FCC, and if you can't make it, know that the worship service will still be available on YouTube Sunday mornings at 9am.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) and other large gatherings are cancelled during this phase. However, small groups are invited to meet at the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. providing they adhere to the 6 foot social distancing and mask requirements. Please contact Marie Welch at mwelch@fcchurch.org to reserve a room if you would like to meet.

Re-Opening Plan – Phase Two

We anticipate being able to move inside the building for worship beginning August 2. In order to comply with the CDPHE requirements, masks will be required. We believe we can seat approximately 150 people in family groupings maintaining a 6 foot distance from other family groupings. CDPHE requires churches to



obtain contact information to implement contact tracing protocols if a future outbreak occurs. We will do this through an electronic pre-registration tool on our website. Details on how to do this will be sent out during the month of July. Space will also be pre-allocated for visitors. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to worship onsite with us will have the opportunity to do so. We will continue broadcasting through YouTube during this phase.

Groups will continue to meet as detailed under Phase One above.

Re-opening Plan - Phase Three

The situation in our state is constantly changing so please continue to bear with us and check for updates on our website and on your email as we attempt to communicate these things. We will announce Phase 3 details when we have more guidance from the State. Please see attached chart for detailed information.

We are available to answer your questions please email <u>info@fcchurch.org</u> and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person to answer your question(s). If you desire or feel the need for prayer please contact the office at 303-699-1110 or Joh Kennedy at 720-251-9887.

As we continue to move forward in our re-opening, we understand that some will think we are moving too slow and some will think we are moving too fast. There are many different opinions in our country about the right response to this pandemic. Please know that this plan is the result of much prayer, discussion, input, and planning by the Elders and Staff. Please join us in prayer asking the Lord to continue to guard the unity as we seek to meet together and worship.

In His Service,

The Elder Board of Fellowship Community Church

| Fellowship Community Church 3 Phase Reopening Plan | | | |
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| | Phase 1 - FM Service | Phase 2* | Phase 3* |
| Proposed Timeline | June 21 | August 2 | TBD |
| Social Distancing | Strict | Strict | TBD |
| Vulnerable Populations | Use Discretion | Use Discretion | Use Discretion |
| Max Group Size | Outdoors - Up to Local Capacity Levels | Limited Capacity - Online Registration Sanctuary Limited to 150 people | No Limit |
| Pre-registration | No | Yes | TBD |
| Ministry Response | | | |
| Office hours | Normal Operations | Normal Operations | Normal Operations |
| Morning Worship (Online Live Stream 9am and 10:30am) | Modified Schedule with Family FM Parking Lot Service One Hour of Worship (10:30am) | Modified Schedule (Based on Pre-registration) | New Normal Schedule |
| Age Groups Allowed in Worship | All | All | New Normal Operations |
| Face Mask in Worship | Required | Required (Except during sermon) | TBD |
| Observe the Lord's Supper | No | No | Yes with modified procedures |
| Small Groups/Bible Studies | Online or at church with advanced scheduling† Monday-Thursday | Online or at church with advanced scheduling† Monday-Thursday | New Normal Operations |
| Adult Bible Fellowships | Online or at church with advanced scheduling† Monday-Thursday | Online or at church with advanced scheduling Monday-Thursday | New Normal Operations |
| Sunday Morning Student Ministry | Outdoors 9:00am - Social Distanced | Outdoors 9:00am - Social Distanced | New Normal Operations |
| Children's Ministry | Not Meeting | Not Meeting | New Normal Operations |

NOTE: If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of cough or fever, please use our online options.

Vulnerable Populations (from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Evironment)

-65 years and older, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised, severe obesity, diabetes, liver disease, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, etc.) continue using online options.

-Posted June 24. To be updated by July 31st.

^{*}Later phases subject to change based upon changing circumstances or modified state guidelines

[†] FCC-approved groups of 50 People or less in size or multiple small groups, Staggered start times for multiple groups, Limited to 1.5 hours per group, Only one set of bathrooms used, Staff/security will unlock/lock building, Participants will help clean the rooms used – wiping doors, tables, chairs, etc. Meeting times (Monday-Thursday) 8a-4p; 6:30-8:00