



As we prepare to Welcome Back our church family to in-person gatherings, we want to make you aware of the steps all of our campuses will be taking to ensure your safety and health.

We understand there are different levels of comfort and concern, so we encourage everyone to practice consideration and grace with each other. Some may not be ready to return to in-person gatherings and may choose to continue to attending church online.

Physical Distancing

To honor the different comfort levels of all attendees, we ask that participants observe 6ft of physical distancing in our sanctuary, hallways, and throughout our campus buildings. We will be suspending our Meet and Greet time.

Sanctuary Capacity and Seating

On each campus we have adjusted our seating capacity. Thank you in advance for working with us and follow the guidance of our ushers as they help us maintain physical distancing. You may need to sit in an area that is different than your normal spot.

Masks for attendees

In response to the Governor's executive order, we are now requiring masks for all in-person gatherings. If you have a health condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, we invite you to join us for worship services via our live-stream or Facebook live.

As a reminder, if you are sick or exhibiting symptoms (like a fever, or new, persistent cough), we ask that you not attend our in-person gatherings and enjoy the live stream from your home. Follow CDC guidelines.

Grace Kids and Students

For our first two weeks, on **June 14 and June 21**, we will not be offering separate Grace Kids or Grace Students ministry. We will all meet together in the Sanctuary for a combined worship service. There will be elements in the service designed to appeal to the different age groups. We will provide crying/comfort space in a separate room.

Disinfecting

The Sanctuary, bathroom, and any high traffic areas will be disinfected after each service. Teams have been trained on this new procedure by cleaning specialists. Partly for this reason, our Sunday, in-person gatherings will be approximately 45 minutes. We want to allow adequate times for disinfecting the sanctuary, bathrooms, and any high traffic areas.

Hand Sanitizing

On each campus we will be increasing the availability of hand sanitizing stations. Please use them to help us maintain a safe environment.

Offering

We are suspending the passing of the offering plate in favor of a box that will be available by the exit door of the sanctuary. Online giving will continue to be an option at gracecovenant.org/give.

Communion

We will continue to take communion as a family on the first Sunday of every month. Ushers will pass out individually, pre-packaged communion elements. We will not provide self-service communion that is typically available every Sunday.

Masks and Gloves for Grace Team Members

Grace Team members will be wearing masks, and in some cases gloves to ensure a safe environment.

Connections Cafe and Coffee Stations

We will not be offering coffee stations or a fellowship area in the building. You are welcome to bring your own coffee into the Sanctuary. In addition, as our water fountains will be temporarily out of service, we will provide water bottles at each campus.

We are looking forward to our in-person gathering as well as continuing to prioritize our online services. We have an opportunity to show grace and compassion to one another in this season. If you have additional questions, please email info@gracecovenant.org.