

**Reopening Wheaton
Bible Church**
Participant Guidelines

As we re-open our facilities for worship services, we want to do so safely. We will operate by these guidelines which reflect recommendations given by the Illinois Department of Public Health:

Take Proper Precautions - If you are sick, particularly if you have experienced any flu-like symptoms in the past 14 days (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, fever or 100.4 or higher, etc.), please do not attend a worship service. If you have had prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, do not attend a worship service. Regularly wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer when available. Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth. Pay attention to signage posted around the building.

Vulnerable People - The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines both identify that persons 65 years of age and older and those with underlying medical conditions should take extra precautions because they are at greater risk if they contract the virus. If you are in that vulnerable category, you are free to make your own decision about whether or not to attend in person worship services.

Save Your Seat(s) - We have established capacity limits for our worship services. Therefore, we ask that you save your seat(s) online. Please do not attend unless you have done so. Seats will not be assigned. We simply need to regulate the total number of people. A Seating map can be found at the following link. Reservations will be limited to a maximum of 10 seats.

Face Coverings - The CDC and IDPH guidelines both strongly encourage the use of face coverings inside facilities where social distancing cannot be guaranteed. The primary purpose of a face covering is to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected. Face coverings should not be placed on (1) children younger than two years old, (2) anyone with a medical condition in which a face covering could cause harm, and (3) anyone who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance. With those exceptions, please wear a face covering properly for the duration of your attendance in our facilities for worship services.

Distance - When entering the facility, do your best to maintain social distance anyone not in your household. Pay attention to all posted signage. Markings on the floor will provide some help in that regard. Staff and volunteers will provide direction on traffic flow within the building, particularly within the sanctuary/worship center. Please follow their direction on which aisles to use for entry to and exit from your seat. Rows will be socially distanced. When the worship service is over, please exit in an orderly and distanced fashion, following the instructions of the staff and volunteers. Since no other parts of the facility will be open, please consider waiting to interact with fellow attendees until you get outdoors where masks can be removed and social distancing will be easier.

Love - Given that there will be a wide variety of perspectives on how to act during this pandemic, please treat one another with love. For example, if someone is getting too close to you and making you feel uncomfortable, simply ask them in a gentle way for more space. If someone tells you they would like some more space, receive that word without offense. We don't need come to worship with significant worry about what others are thinking, but it would be helpful to give each other grace and the benefit of the doubt during this unusual and stressful time.

Safe After Sunday- If at any time you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 after attending a service,

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please text COVID to 630-260-1600 to notify our staff. Similarly, if you know anyone who has been diagnosed please follow the same guidelines. If you make a report you will remain anonymous.