

CL REOPENING PLAN

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR **OUTDOOR** SERVICES

CHRISTIAN LIFE FAMILY,

What a strange time this has been as we have been worshiping from our homes, striving to stay connected while also striving to stay apart. While no one could have been prepared for this, we are proud of our church body and how strong and faithful Christian Life remains. Having said that, we are more than ready to be back together in person!

As we make plans to reopen the Christian Life Campus for in-person gatherings, our leadership team is working diligently to make decisions based on recommendations from Governor Lee balanced with the specifics of what works for us and our unique church body.

We are committed to remaining flexible throughout this process and ask that you stay flexible as well. We are faith-filled and believe that one day soon this will all be behind us and we will be back together meeting normally with no restrictions.

We have come up with a phase-in plan that, as of right now, feels best to us. If anything changes, we will let you know and keep this page updated.

We have listed the phase-in plan here and also all the other information we have been working through as a leadership team so that you can stay well-informed and confident in the plans we are making to resume meeting together.

Don't forget, we are made for this!

- Pastor Ron and the CL Leadership Team

PHASE ONE (SAFER AT HOME)

GATHERINGS OF 10 OR LESS / CURRENT PHASE

- Since March 15th our services have been moved to online-only. C-Groups and all other in-person gatherings have been postponed in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- We are live-streaming services at 10am on Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- We are following all CDC guidelines for safety
- We are honoring our Governor by listening to his recommendations.

PHASE TWO (SOCIAL BUT DISTANT)

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS / BEGINNING MAY 24

- We will begin testing in-person gatherings with outdoor church services on campus at CL where people can safely social distance.
- CL Kids will not begin yet
- Next Steps will not begin yet
- No child-care will be provided.
- Keep reading the document for all details pertaining to Phase Two.
- Live streaming will continue on Facebook

PHASE THREE (SOFT OPENING)

SOFT OPENING OF THE BUILDING / BEGINNING _____

- Normal Sunday service times resume: 9am and 10:40am
- Services will be shortened to one hour.
- Seating will be limited to half-capacity with chairs in groups set to 6ft apart
- Ushers will seat each family
- We will have adjusted entrances and exits to accommodate social distancing
- We will not serve coffee, water, or food.
- Additional gatherings on campus such as the middle school class and Next Steps will not meet yet.
- Offering buckets will not be passed, but instead will be held by an impact team member for drop off. Online giving is still highly encouraged.
- Masks are encouraged, not required.
- No child-care
- No CL Kids
- Live streaming will continue on Facebook and [clctn.org/watch](https://www.clctn.org/watch)
- Youth on Wednesday nights possible resuming

PHASE FOUR (THE NEW NORMAL)

GATHERING SIZE BACK TO NORMAL / BEGINNING _____

- Normal Sunday service times. 9am and 10:40am
- Live streaming will continue
- CL Kids will resume
- Next Steps will resume
- Offering buckets may be passed, online giving still encouraged
- On campus ministry events will resume with new guidelines
- We will have coffee!

Disclaimer: All plans are tentative and CL is committed to staying flexible as new data emerges. Our main concern is the safety of our congregants.

DAY-OF-SERVICE PREVENTION GUIDELINES:

Staff, volunteers, and congregants should not attend the service if the any of the following apply:

- You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- You are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat.
- You have had a fever in the last 48 hours.
- You have had new loss of taste or smell.
- You have had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

(Temperatures should be taken before arriving. Normal temperature should not exceed 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Immediately seek medical care and/or COVID-19 testing, per CDC guidelines if your temperature exceeds 100.4.)

The following everyday preventative actions should be taken by staff, volunteers, and congregants:

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when sick.

PREVENTION SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT CL DURING GATHERINGS:

- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- Tissues
- Trash cans
- A few disposable face masks for anyone who might become sick during a gathering
- Touchless thermometers
- Soap in restrooms

SAFETY STATIONS:

- There will be a space designated for anyone who needs to be separated should they become ill during a gathering.
- Three tables at the entrance to our outdoor gathering with hand sanitizer and team members available to assist with questions/needs.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN:

Should a case of COVID-19 be reported by a person who was present at a CL Gathering, the following procedures will go into effect:

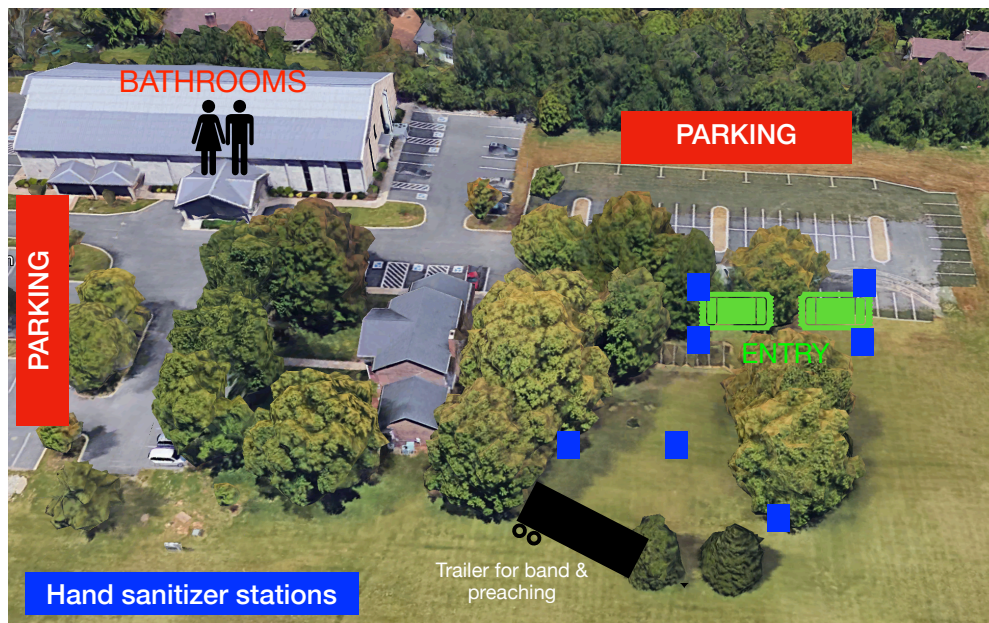
- Communication will go out via email and our COVID-19 Information page will be updated with changes to our services.
- CL Leadership team will consult CDC and TN Health Department Guidelines for guidance on any adjustments that need to be made to the gathering schedule.
- The building will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR SERVICE INFO:

- Those who gather will be asked to bring their own lawn chairs/blankets. We will have our white, plastic chairs available for anyone who comes with out a chair.
- We will not serve coffee, water, or food.
- The service will be from 10am-11am
- A stage will be set up behind the ministry house (see schematic for reference)
- Wearing masks is not required, but welcome.
- Those who attend church in-person are discouraged from “touch” greetings such as handshakes, hugs, kissing on the cheek, etc.

SCHEMATIC

Dates: 5/24 - Time 10am - @ 9am - 12pm the temps will be 74 -82 degrees and the rain chance is 10% with SW winds at 5 to 7mph



ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR SERVICE INFO:

- Bathrooms will be open in the church.
- Greeters will open and close front glass doors.
- An additional changing station will be added to each bathroom to accommodate parents.
- Bathroom attendants will do their best to keep bathrooms wiped down.
- Bathroom doors will remain propped open??
- Volunteer Positions: security, parking directors, greeters for entry points, foyer attendants, offering bucket attendants

GOVERNOR LEE'S GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES AND CL'S PLAN TO RESPOND:

1. **“Wear face coverings. Social distance by staying 6 feet away from others. Consult the CDC guidelines and guidance from your local health officials to determine the risks of gathering in person. This should include thinking about the percentage of your community classified as vulnerable, how conducive your facility is to allowing social distancing, the size of your community, and more.”**
 - *People are encouraged to wear face masks if it makes them feel more comfortable and/or if they have any concern about spreading illness to others.*
 - *We will encourage social distancing by beginning with outdoor services so families may remain spread out.*
2. **“A phased approach to resuming in-person gatherings is recommended. Vulnerable populations (everyone 65 years and older, people with disabilities, people with serious respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, people who are immunocompromised, and others) and children's activities/nursery programs should not gather in person until a later time. Consider solutions to minimize close personal contact that may be part of your services, such as handshakes or sharing food and drink.”**
 - *CL will use a phased approach to resume in-person gatherings by opening with two outdoor services.*
 - *Those who are vulnerable should use extreme caution when deciding when to attend in-person. CL Kids activities will restart at a later date.*
 - *We will not serve coffee, food, water, etc. until a later date.*
 - *People will be encouraged to avoid handshakes and adhere to social distancing guidelines.*

3. “As the phased approach begins, limit the size of attendance in your sanctuary and other confined spaces to create seating arrangements that provide at least 6-foot distancing between household units. It is recommended not to exceed 50% of maximum capacity of the room and should enable full compliance with CDC recommendations for social distancing and hygiene. Over time, as Tennessee continues to see the successful containment of COVID-19, it will be appropriate to gradually increase capacity.”

- *CL will arrange the seating in the Gathering Room to accommodate six feet between family units. Due to the capacity limits this creates, we will utilize more of the building and stream into those rooms.*

4. “Encourage members of your community to stay at home if they are symptomatic, have a fever, have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, or have traveled internationally or to a domestic hot spot in the past two weeks.”

- *We are asking our church family to err on the side of extreme caution when choosing attend an in-person gathering. If you have any hesitation about your health or the health of anyone in your family, please stay home until you feel safe to attend. This is to protect you and our church community.*

5. If you learn that a member of your congregation has tested positive for COVID-19, consult CDC guidelines and local health department recommendations to determine whether you should immediately cease in-person gatherings, close for additional cleaning, or otherwise change your protocols.

- *Should a member of CL test positive for COVID-19 after attending a CL gathering, we will follow all protocols recommended by the CDC and TN Health Department to ensure we do everything we can to limit exposure.*

6. Stay informed of updated safety protocols and recommendations as the COVID-19 situation in your community develops.

- *The following information is taken straight from [CDC.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov) and is listed here to clarify the extent of the CL leadership team’s understanding of COVID-19, how it is spread, and best safety practices:*

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes.

Person-to-person Spread

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.
- The virus spreads easily between people.
- How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-to-person without stopping.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.
- The virus does not spread easily in other ways.
- COVID-19 is a new disease and we are still learning about how it spreads. It may be possible for COVID-19 to spread in other ways, but these are not thought to be the main ways the virus spreads.
- From touching surfaces or objects. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.
- From animals to people. At this time, the risk of COVID-19 spreading from animals to people is considered to be low.
- From people to animals. It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some situations. CDC is aware of a small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19.

Protect yourself and others

- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can take steps to slow the spread.
- Maintain good social distance (about 6 feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.