

re:gathering

*a plan for coming back together at Grandview Christian Church
updated October 15, 2020*

The following plan was developed by the staff of Grandview Christian Church, in consultation with CDC, state/local, and federal re-opening guidelines for faith communities. *This plan is subject to change* based on recommendations from the aforementioned sources. In its current form, this represents our best effort to resume physical gatherings while also prioritizing the health and safety of the congregation and the wider community. We believe prioritizing community health in this way is an act of Christian love.

Although we believe this plan is appropriately cautious, we understand that many will not feel ready to resume gathering in-person, even with appropriate safety measures in place. For that reason, Grandview will continue offering a livestreamed worship service and other online gathering opportunities. If you are at high risk of serious complications from COVID-19—or are simply unsure if this is the right time for you or your family to gather in person for worship—please participate in the online service.

Until the TN Department of Health reports a sustained period of no significant spread, the following represents the plan for re:gathering at Grandview. Additional restrictions will be added if spread increases, per the chart above. *As always, this plan is subject to change.*

- **Worship:** Livestreamed services from both campuses, plus limited in-person gatherings.
 - The Buffalo Campus will have two blended services at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM. More services may be added if demand increases. The 9:30 AM service will be livestreamed on the Grandview website, YouTube channel, and the Grandview Facebook page. The service will be available for viewing on-demand after the live broadcast.
 - Cityview Campus will maintain one service at 9:30 AM, unless demand increases. This service will be livestreamed on the Cityview YouTube channel Facebook page. The service will be available for viewing on-demand after the live broadcast.
 - Attendance at all campuses will be capped, and online registration for attending services is required. The registration form for each week opens at midnight on the previous Sunday. Registration can be found at <https://grandviewchristian.churchcenter.com/registrations>.
 - If participation in worship gatherings for either campus drops below sustainable levels, services at that campus will temporarily revert to an online-only format.
 - Cleaning, screening, and guidelines (see below) will remain in place during this time, and mask wearing will be required.

- **Kids & Youth Ministry**
 - Beginning November 8, 2020, we will begin phasing in Sunday morning kids and youth classes and worship.
 - At the Buffalo Campus, adult Sunday School classes will not immediately resume meeting in person. This will allow kids and youth to utilize those classrooms and maintain smaller-than-usual class sizes while transitioning back to in-person programming.
 - Parents will register their kids for children's classes when registering themselves for worship services. Questions will be added to the existing online registration process to account for this.
 - All teachers and kids will wear masks while in their classrooms and in the public areas near the children's classrooms.
 - During times of online-only worship, there will be no Sunday morning kids and youth classes.
 - Other Crew456 and Youth programming (youth and Crew456 small groups, etc.) may continue meeting with appropriate social distancing protocols.

- **Two4Two:** Because of the size and scope of this program, the Fall 2020 semester of Two4Two will be entirely online. A modified version of Rendezvous will be livestreamed to the Grandview YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website at 6:30 PM on Wednesday nights through
- **Small Groups:** Small groups who meet the guidelines for the “Canopy” program are encouraged to meet, provided they follow all detailed social distancing protocols.
- **Classes:** Classes may begin meeting on-campus using the guidelines for the “Canopy” program. The exception to this rule is that adult Sunday School classes will not begin meeting until approximately one month after Sunday morning kids programming resumes, as their usual rooms will be used as children’s classrooms for that month to allow for fewer kids in each classroom. This delayed start may be extended beyond one month, if necessary.
- **Office:** Masks and social distancing are required during visits to the church office.
- **Building Use:** We will return to our usual process of evaluating building use on a case-by-case after COVID spread has lessened. Until then, all building use must follow the Canopy guidelines. Masks and/or social distancing are required for these gatherings.

Cleaning, Screening, and Distancing Guidelines for Worship Services

- During the online service RSVP process, all attendees will be asked a series of health screening questions. Anyone who has recently experienced COVID-19 symptoms will not be permitted to join a physical worship gathering.
- Main doors will be propped or held open, so that entrants don’t need to touch door handles.
- All doorknobs, handles, surfaces, etc. will be cleaned before and after each service.
- Hand sanitation stations will be located at all major entrances, as well as in the worship space itself. Worshipers are strongly encouraged to use these at every opportunity.
- Seating will be marked to help individuals and family units sit at least six feet apart from others.
- Everyone in attendance (except for those leading the service) are required to bring and wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, we will have some available for you.
- To reduce contact during the service, there will be no greeting time or “passing of the peace,” communion will be served using a “double-cup method,” and offering will be received via giving boxes.
- There will be no coffee service until further notice.

Resources

1. Kids Camp Cleaning and Sanitation Plan (Buffalo Campus): <https://bit.ly/36bzbAD>
2. Link to register for services: <https://grandviewchristian.churchcenter.com/registrations>
3. Tutorial video for how to register for services: <https://bit.ly/2X1Njlr>