

## **Ceres Church Covid Guidelines**

\* = State/County Guidelines, Recommendations or Requirements

### **Limiting Group Size while Accommodating Worship Needs**

1. Continue remote services\*
2. Limit attendance to 25% of building capacity, or a maximum of 100 attendees\*
3. Establish a reservation system for services\*
4. Possibly hold multiple services\*

### **Advanced Preparation:**

1. Notify the congregation via social media of precautions and expectations that will be required, including the wearing of face masks during the services. Also included should be a list of those at higher risk, and encouragement to consider the risks before attending.
2. Provide disposable gloves for staff\*
3. Provide face coverings for all attendees\*
4. Hold services outside as much as possible\*
5. Post signage for
  - a. Use of face coverings (except children 2 and under)\*
  - b. Practice social distancing\*
  - c. Handwashing\*
6. Placement of hand sanitizer dispensers in key areas\*
7. Removal of Hymnals, etc from pews\*
8. Provide a drop off offering area in the lobby
9. Disconnect and cover drinking fountains\*
10. The Spanish group will be scheduled to meet at a time other than the main group
11. The Spanish group will meet in the fellowship hall to maintain proper distancing.
12. Children's Sabbath Schools will not be meeting until later in the reopening process
13. Restroom doors to main restrooms will be left open. Only the two main restrooms will be available.
14. Mother's room will be closed during the initial phase
15. Fellowship Dinners postponed until a later time

### **Cleaning Precautions:**

1. Cleaning of all high traffic areas (Pews, lobby, door knobs, light switches, sink handles, AV equipment, remote controls, etc)\*
2. Cleaning possibly to be done on Thursdays, to allow four days for the virus to be neutralized before janitorial work
3. Stock sanitary facilities with soap, hand sanitizer, etc.\*
4. Ensure highest efficiency of air filters\*
5. Emphasis on ventilation of interior areas during services\*

### **On Site Congregation Procedures**

1. Establish entrance and exit doors\*
2. Provide disposable gloves for staff\*
3. Provide face coverings for all attendees\*

4. Post signage to direct attendees to appropriate doors
5. Provide screening opportunities for fever or other symptoms for all attendees\* (Active staff will be required to check for fever)
6. Provide Medical Personnel to speak with those with potential symptoms (while ensuring, for insurance reasons, that we are not providing official medical advice which could cause liability.)
7. Use of social media, etc to notify congregation ahead of time re. policies to be followed\*
8. 6 foot social distancing in pews, with seating every other pew\*
9. Staff dedicated to helping people maintain social distancing\*
10. Avoid congregating in lobbies\*
11. Limit number of people using the restroom at one time\*
12. Sabbath Schools will continue to be held online

### **Worship Service Procedures**

1. Greeters provide verbal welcome, while maintaining social distancing and avoiding physical contact
2. Worshipers will be expected to wear masks
3. Avoid group singing and recitation, due to increased risk\*
4. Worship service will include increased special music to offset the removal of group singing
5. No handing out of bulletins, these will be provided electronically
6. No handshaking, hugging, etc\*
7. Discourage sharing of items\*, as far as possible microphones will be assigned to one person during any given service.
8. Disinfecting any shared items (microphones, keyboards, etc)\*
9. No passing of offering plates, etc\*
10. Emphasis on ventilation of interior areas during services\*
11. Reduce the length of services\*
12. Children must stay with their families\*
13. Dismiss people in order to avoid close contact\*
14. Church greeting time will need to be postponed
15. Children will not be gathering up front for a children's story.
16. Pastor's will not make physical contact with congregation at the close of service
17. The county recommendation is that a list of all congregants be made each week, to identify those that have been exposed, and stop additional spread.