

# **Re-Opening Protocols for Onsite Worship**

COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on the Kansas City area. Church of the Resurrection has developed protocols intended to provide the safest environment possible amid the pandemic. The virus can be anywhere and we're counting on you to help keep our community safe! When attending any scheduled event, you agree to consider your own personal circumstances and abide by all applicable church, state, and local safety protocols.

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 4, we will offer a limited number of onsite services at each campus. We will strive to provide a safe, touchless experience with adequate social distancing. To that end, we will do the following:

### Social distancing:

- Require people to register to attend, limiting our capacity of registrations to 25% of seating for at least the first two weeks of onsite worship. We will continue to offer excellent online worship on Saturday at 5pm and Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 & 11am, and 5pm.
- Offer a contact-free greeting as you arrive.
- Prop open all exterior doors as well as the doors to the worship space before and after service. One door will remain propped open throughout the service.
- We'll offer a controlled exit by section to limit crowding in doorways.
- Practice socially distant seating We'll close all seats within 20 feet of the speakers/singers on the chancel, and then we'll close every other row with royal blue cones. Our ushers will direct you to safely distanced seating. We suggest leaving 3-4 seats between your family and the next person. For the second service, we'll switch the cones to the previously open rows, so that each row is only used once per weekend.
- Ensure there is sufficient distance between seating spaces in common areas, both through removing some tables/chairs and spacing them farther apart.

#### Sanitization:

 Our staff and volunteers will wear masks unless they are leading from the chancel. Masks will also be required for attendees. We encourage you to bring your own from home, but we will have disposable masks available for anyone who forgets theirs. <u>Acceptable masks include cloth or disposable face covering that covers the nose and</u> <u>mouth completely. Face shields alone are not sufficient and require a mask to be worn as well.</u>



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- We will sanitize the worship space each week, and between services we will wipe down door handles & stairway handrails, sanitizing microphones and other common surfaces as needed.
- We will have hand sanitizer stands readily available throughout the building
- We will not offer beverages or refreshments during this interim phase, until we return to a full schedule. Food and drink are not permitted, as consuming food and beverage require removal of masks.
- Restrooms will be open and cleaned between services.

### **Touchless service:**

- We will not have printed bulletins or handouts.
- We will not offer a stand and greet time during worship.
- Offering will be done through PushPay or you may drop currency/checks into baskets at the ends of the aisles as guests exit.
- We will remove from seatbacks at Leawood, and not offer at other campuses: pens, EFT cards, and prayer request cards. Offering envelopes will still be available should you want to use one. Prayer requests made be made online at <u>www.cor.org/prayer</u>.
- Attendance will be entered electronically at <u>www.cor.org/here</u>, and we will provide an email option at each campus for guests who desire a lower tech option to let us know they attended worship.
- Only non-returnable kids' activity materials will be provided. Please keep any supplies your children use. Toys will be removed from our infant soothing rooms.

## **Programming:**

• Our nursery, KiDSCOR and Rezlife student ministries will remain online, resuming onsite at a later date.

## **Special Elements:**

- **Communion** pre-packaged juice/cracker will be passed out by gloved ushers at entrances as you arrive for worship.
- **Baptisms** can be performed in special services, in worship, or by appointment at the family's discretion.
- Weddings & Funerals will continue, following the state's guidelines for gathering size.
- **Mugs for first-time guests**: will be mapped and placed on shelves by masked, gloved volunteers, and delivered by volunteers in a contact-free manner.



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#### How You Can Help

- If you are in a high-risk category, or you don't feel well, please stay home and worship with us online at <u>www.cor.org/worship</u>.
- Wear a mask when you attend worship, to protect others in case you are asymptomatic.
- Practice social distancing. Maintain a distance of six feet between yourself and other guests. Wave and smile to your friends from a safe distance. Refrain from hugging, shaking hands, or touching any person who's not a family member. While you might be comfortable with close proximity, others may not be.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. Experts recommend washing your hands for 20 seconds.