



HCC REOPENING GUIDELINES

We've created a plan for re-opening with you in mind. We know there are many differing opinions and points of view, and we want to honor you regardless of how you feel about our current situation. While we are not operating with a spirit of fear, we have made plans with wisdom, hoping to help everyone feel as comfortable as possible regardless of their stance. As always, we are committed to providing a safe and sanitized service. However, we've taken extra preparation steps and redesigned our services to create a sanitary, touchless environment that allows for physical distancing.

While reopening, we will adopt a phased approach. With that said, we ENCOURAGE all attendees who are in an at-risk category to PLEASE stay home and join our service via livestream. More information can be found at the CDC website below. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html>

Here's how things will be different....

PHASE ONE:

REOPEN BUILDING with precautions – June

1. Abbreviated Service
2. 6' Social Distancing – spaced seating arrangement, no handshaking/hugging, parking lot will function as temporary foyer
3. Everyone in the sanctuary only
4. Children with parents (*feel free to bring a tablet or iphone with headphones for your children. Please keep your child/children with you at all times. Should they need to use the restroom, please go with them*)
5. Mother's Room available
6. Continue offering as we have
7. No communion, No baptism, No Café
8. One entry door at front, all doors for exit
9. Larger Security Team, Usher Team, First Impressions Team, & Cleaning Team
10. Masks are suggested upon entry and exiting building but may be removed while at your sanctuary seat.

PHASE TWO:

REACTIVATE SELECT MINISTRIES with precautions – Tentatively July

1. Regular Service length
2. Plan to reactivate Youth Ministry
3. Plan to reactivate Children's Ministry & Nursery
4. Reintroduced ministries to follow specific safety protocols
5. Social Distance seating continues
6. Communion with disposable product
7. Baptism at discretion of participants
8. Open both sets of entry doors and the foyer area.

PHASE THREE:

RELAUNCH ALL MINISTRIES without restrictions – Tentatively August and beyond

1. Back to original seating, no social distancing required
2. All ministries and services functioning at pre-pandemic levels
3. Likely continue specific ministry protocols

How We Are Meeting Required Health and Safety Precautions During Phase 1

1. Social Distancing
 - a. Treat others respectfully as it relates to touch
 - b. Doors will be opened for you
 - c. No handshakes or hugs
 - d. Sanctuary Chairs will be rearranged for Household Seating
 - e. Congregation dismissed by section
2. Sanitation
 - a. Restrooms will be opened, but sanitized before, during and after each service
 - b. Doorknobs and frequently touched services sanitized before, during and after each service
 - c. Hand sanitizer will be strategically placed throughout the building
 - d. Drinking Fountain will be unavailable
 - e. Café will remain closed
 - f. Information Desk will remain closed, please refer to the Church app or website
3. Miscellaneous
 - a. TV with livestream will be available in the foyer for families with young children
 - b. Each Team Leader should ensure team members are healthy
 - c. Sunday Livestreaming will continue as well as additional weekly livestreams on Wednesday (for youth), Thursday (Family2.0), & Friday (for Children)
 - d. Men's & Women's Wednesday Growth Tracks will continue on Zoom in June
 - e. All other events to be determined.
4. Attitude
 - a. Show grace – not everyone thinks the same way
 - b. Be kind – hurt feelings over opinion differences can be avoided
 - c. Be cautious – if feeling poorly, consider others as well as self
 - d. Banish pride – people and relationships matter more
 - e. CHOOSE LOVE

Hill Creek Church's Plan to Re-Open Aligns with Federal and State Guidelines:

Houses of Worship are considered essential services and are not currently under the 10 person gathering restrictions.

For Reference...

- Federal Plan to Re-Open America <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>
- State Executive Order regarding attending, or wearing a mask at, Religious Services https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-528460--,00.html
- Michigan Plan to Re-Open State https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_SAFE_START_PLAN_689875_7.pdf