

In-Person Worship Guidelines

Harvest Bible Chapel

7/9/20

Dear Harvest family,

We are excited to return to our in-person worship services beginning Saturday July 18 (6:00 p.m.). Calvary Fellowship Church (501 E Swedesford Rd) has graciously offered their auditorium for our church to meet for the short-term. The size of the space and the cost make this a very attractive option for us.

We are thrilled to offer weekly worship services again; however, we are obligated to put some new restrictions in place in order to comply with the governing authorities and to protect ourselves as we gather for worship. We understand that not all agree regarding the effectiveness of mask wearing and social distancing. The Elders have prayed earnestly and reviewed the most recent literature on safety and have developed the following guidelines:

- If you over 65 years of age and/or you have an underlying health condition, please consider staying home and enjoying our online worship service for now. If you are having symptoms of Covid-19 ([CDC List of Symptoms](#)), please stay at home and enjoy the online worship service.
- We require mask wearing during the entire worship service for everyone except children under 2 years of age. Please sanitize your hands before entering the church. Hand sanitizers will also be available at the doors as you enter.
Our worship leaders and speakers will not be wearing masks. A physical transparent barrier may be used to protect those in the first few rows.
- We will have clearly marked entrances and exits.
- Follow any signage or instructions given to you by the greeters and ushers regarding how to enter and where to sit. Please stay in the designated areas of the building.
- We will space the chairs to provide physical distancing in accordance with CDC recommendations. A minimum of six feet must be maintained between households. Please maintain your physical distance from those outside your household before and after the service.

- Children should stay with their parents for the entire service. For the first phase of our in-person worship services, Children's ministry will be closed. As soon as we believe it is wise and safe to offer Children's ministry, we are looking forward to resuming our ministry to the children.
- To minimize multiple contacts, when we resume worship bulletins, they will only be handed out by greeters wearing gloves and masks. There will also be no passing of the offering plates – offering will be received either online or through a collection box located by the exit.
- When the worship service is over, we encourage you not to linger so our cleaning crews can begin their work. We know you're eager to greet friends, but for everyone's safety please continue to maintain six feet of physical distancing as you fellowship with one another. We recommend doing this outside where there is more open space and fresh air. The doors may be opened so you do not have to touch any surfaces as you depart. As you exit, sanitize your hands and do not remove your mask until getting to your means of transportation.

If you are not comfortable with these guidelines, we encourage you to stay at home and enjoy the online worship service. If you have any questions about these guidelines, we are glad to speak with you personally.

You are loved,
Harvest Elders