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COVID-19 Precautions and Protocols



After three months of mandatory remote worship last Spring, we began meeting for in-person services at the YMCA on June 14, 2020. It has been good to be able to gather, but like so many other areas of life, we continue to experience a new normal. Here are some precautions and protocols we are taking and we appreciate your help in this new season.

Let's be Compassionate:

People are in different places personally regarding meeting together in person. *We respect each person's concerns and decisions.* We will continue to provide online resources to worship at home and the worship service at the YMCA will be live-streamed at 10am Sundays. The sermon video will be available online afterwards.

Let's be Considerate:

We do not live in fear, but we can do things to help people feel safe and to follow the advice of our leaders. So here are some new rhythms we are asking everyone to practice when we worship in person...

- We encourage using a face mask, especially as you enter and exit (this is less about your health and more about consideration for others). We will provide a disposable facemask for people to use if they want one.
- Please no handshakes or hugs. This will be hard, but it may be the best thing we can do to protect others.
- Sit with your family or household, but keep a 6' distance from other worshippers. We will spread the chairs out in the gym, but you can pull them into groupings for your household.

Let's use Common Sense:

We are counting on everyone to do what is smart and safe. So if you are not sure how comfortable someone is, lean toward a conservative approach.

- If you are sick or have been around those who are sick, please worship at home and connect using our online meetings.
- If you have an underlying health condition that you feel puts you at risk or you live with someone who does, we trust you to do what you feel comfortable doing. If you need to worship at home, we understand and we still love you!
- We won't be passing the offering bag, but instead we will have a box in the back for donations. Sermon notes and connect sheets can be picked up on the table as you come into the gym.

Let's be Clean:

- Our set-up team will sanitize furniture and door handles before each service.
- Plus we will have hand sanitizer available if you need it, but it is always a good idea to bring your own.
- We will not provide coffee or snacks, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Compass Kids:

- We will provide Nursery/preschool ministry in the child watch room. Elementary age children will worship with their families for the time being.
- Volunteers will sanitize any equipment, furniture and toys available to the kids.
- This may be the most difficult area to keep households separated, so if a family is not comfortable yet, we encourage you to worship at home or keep your children with you in the service if they can do so without being a distraction.