

Safeguards for Resuming Gathered Worship at Saint Andrew's Chapel

For those planning to gather in the sanctuary for worship on the Lord's Day, please note we have adopted the following safeguards to maintain a safe and clean environment:

- As of July 1, Seminole County requires that a face covering consistent with CDC guidelines be worn while at all businesses, places of assembly, and other places open to the public. Exceptions are made for children under 2 years of age, for those persons for whom face masks cause impairment due to an existing health condition or disability, or for those performing duties prevented by face masks.
- Attenders are encouraged to maintain safe distances from others, to abstain from handshaking or other unnecessary physical contact while greeting one another, and should consider bringing their own personal hand sanitizer.
- It is recommended that families enter through the front wood doors in the narthex and exit through the side doors at the conclusion of the service.
- High traffic areas in the narthex have hand sanitizer stations available.
- The main doors between the narthex and sanctuary will remain open throughout the morning in order to minimize the touching of door handles. Certain entrances to the sanctuary will not be utilized.
- It is recommended that people maintain a 6 foot distance from others, including in walkways. Please be mindful to allow others space.
- To encourage spacing in the pews, signs have been placed at the ends of pews asking that they not be used. Please allow space between families in each pew. Deacons and ushers will be available to help you find a seat.
- Offering bags will not be passed during the services; instead there are designated containers at the rear exits of the sanctuary and narthex for collecting tithes and offerings.
- Hymns to be sung in worship are printed in the bulletin. If you prefer not to use a bulletin, you may still access bulletins on our website using your mobile device.
- The serving of refreshments under the covered pavilion between services has been suspended.
- In accordance with county and state guidelines, we will limit occupancy of our buildings to allow adequate spacing between families. If the sanctuary reaches capacity, additional seating with video of the service is available in the fellowship hall and audio-only seating is available in the narthex and covered pavilion.

These and various other measures have been put in place in order to help ensure that we are doing all that we can to reduce the risk of potential exposure.

As with other illnesses, it is important to continue to follow good hygiene habits in order to strive to keep yourself, your family, and others safe and healthy. Here are a few important practices by way of reminder:

- Please stay home when you are sick or feeling unwell.
- If you or anyone in your family has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (currently or within the last 14 days) please follow the guidance of your doctor and/or a medical professional. CDC guidance can be found [here](#).
- Cover your cough or sneeze with tissues or, if tissues are unavailable, with the crook of your elbow.
- Strive to avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least twenty seconds.
- If going out, consider bringing your own hand sanitizer or wipes for personal use.

Additional prevention steps from the CDC can be found [here](#), and recommendations for older adults and those with chronic medical conditions can be found [here](#). Please consult your doctor or a medical professional with any questions or concerns related to your health.