

Updated 5-Phase Roadmap for Re-Opening and Returning to First Christian Church Arlington Grounds and Facilities

The following represents the minimum standards to guide how we gather as a congregation. At each of these phases, additional precautions should be taken based on individual vulnerability factors. FCCA will encourage and help facilitate remote access to as many functions as possible. Staff and leadership will monitor and adjust according to data from the Tarrant County Health Department.

Phase One (where we are now)

Sunday Worship:

- * Services are broadcast live to FCCA Facebook Page, YouTube Channel, Vimeo and the church web site for viewing live and saved for later viewing.

- * **Sanctuary Re-Entry Preparation Team Formed and working on future plans.**

Staffing:

- * Office Staff works alternating days office/home Mon.-Thurs. 830-4pm.
- * Ministry Staff work from home and church offices in coordination with one another, using responsible social distancing/sanitation practices.
- * Church Custodials staff alternate shifts with an emphasis on sanitation/ upkeep.
- * Music Staff practices separately and participates in Sunday Worship.

Facility Use:

- * FCCA facilities are empty except for Sunday morning worship broadcasting team.
- * Harvesting Hope Community Garden remains open to gardeners to tend to their plots while practicing social distancing.
- * "Gardens on the Go" continues with safe-practices distribution on Saturday.
- * FCC continues to support the Arlington Life Shelter with weekly meals, following safety protocols.
- * **Small (maximum of 10 people) outdoor gatherings may meet outside at church with safety precautions.**
- * **Conversations begun with VMF Church, LIBER Home-School Group, and any other facility renters to determine future space needs to be considered.**

Congregational Care:

- * Ministers available by cell phone daily and anytime for emergencies.
- * "Stephen Ministers" continue regular required training and support meetings via "Zoom," and continue to offer their ministry through phone calls, Facetime, etc.
- * Church Elders recruit members to join the Elders in making church-wide membership "Checking On You" phone calls.
- * Under current social distancing regulations, funerals have been limited to private graveside services.

Small Group Study & Fellowship:

- * Adult Sunday School Classes are encouraged to connect via online video meetings and share resources over email and groups.
- * Children and Youth Meetings occur regularly over Zoom.
- * Bible studies weekly over zoom video/ phone calls.

PHASE TWO

Considered **after** Tarrant County confirms 14 consecutive days of downward trend reported in new cases and hospitalizations data.

Sunday Worship:

- * Worship Broadcast continues.
- * Church leaders and staff continue discussing possible scenarios for return-to-sanctuary worship when this is determined to be safe for our congregation.

Staffing:

- * Phase 1 church office precautions continue unchanged.

Other Facility Use:

- * Conversations continue with VMF Church, LIBOR Home-School Group and any other facility renters to discern their current and future space needs and strategies for Covid-19 safety.

Congregational Care:

- * Funerals may be held in sanctuary with generally 20 or less in attendance.
- * Offer to provide remote viewing options

Small Group Study and Fellowship:

- * Small group gatherings remain digital.

Large Group Fellowship:

- * Outdoor "gatherings" are carefully planned and offered when feasible.

Phase Three

Considered **after** an additional 14 consecutive days of downward trend reported in new cases and hospitalizations data.

Sunday Worship:

- * Worship Broadcast continues.
- * Church leaders and staff continue discussing possible scenarios for return-to-sanctuary worship when this is determined to be safe for our congregation.

Staffing:

- * Church ministry and support staff reevaluate scheduling of work spaces.
- * Continue cleaning/sanitation procedures.

Congregational Care:

- * Funerals may be held in sanctuary with 50 or less in attendance.

Small Group Study and Fellowship:

- * Small groups could gather at church with proper precautions. Consider safety practices for larger groups such as Prime Timers, Serendipity etc.

Phase 4

Considered **after** an additional 14 consecutive days of downward trend reported in new cases and hospitalizations data.

Sunday Worship:

- * Worship together in sanctuary with proper precautions.
- * Consider how we will do singing, communion, offering, etc. in this time.

Staffing:

- * Church ministry and support staff reevaluate scheduling of shared office space work.
- * Continue cleaning/sanitation procedures.

Congregational Care:

- * Weddings and funerals held in sanctuary with spacing and sanitation guidelines in place at this time.

Small Group Study and Fellowship:

- * Small groups continue to gather at church. Consider safety practices for larger groups such as Prime Timers, Serendipity etc.

PHASE 5

**Disease is no longer a threat with treatments/vaccine available.
Biggest celebration ever!**