

The spread of COVID-19/Coronavirus has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. We must not be afraid, but we must be wise in considering the best ways to love one another and our neighbors. North Carolina's COVID-10 Executive Order (Phase 2) has been extended. Our Session has determined that we will continue to encourage the practice of the 3 Ws recommended by the State (WEAR a cloth face covering; WAIT 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact; and WASH your hands often or use hand sanitizer).

We will meet weekly, without *foolishness* or *fear*. We aim for *faithfulness*, respecting your *freedom* to assess and make decisions regarding your own physical and spiritual health. We place a high value on the public gathering of God's people for worship and fellowship.

We encourage families to worship together at one of our Indoor Worship Services at 9am or 11am or via our Live Stream Service at 11am on the Lord's Day.

What are we doing to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 on surfaces?

- The doors to our Sanctuary will be propped open so that no one has to touch the doors to enter.
- We will have every other pew marked off and seat those attending in accordance with social distancing protocols (see pages 3 and 4 for diagrams of our seating charts for each service).
- Guest books, hymnals, and Bibles will be removed from the pews to limit touch points.
- We will not pass the offering plates. Gifts and donations may be made one of three ways:
 - We will have a donation box located in the vestibule for those who would like to drop off their tithes and offerings in person.
 - Online giving is still accessible via the "Give" tab on our website.
 - Mail your donation to: Back Creek Church, PO Box 620052, Charlotte NC 28262.
- Our ushers will clean high contact areas in between the 9am and 11am services.
- A Sanitizing service will come in on Mondays to treat the sanctuary, vestibule, and bathrooms.

What are we doing to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 from person-to-person?

- Hand Sanitizer stations are located in all of the high traffic areas of our campus.
- Our ushers will seat each individual or family that has reserved a seat in advance. Reservations are required in advance so that we can keep our attendance at a safe capacity.
- Limited overflow seating will be available in our Fellowship Hall where live streaming of the service will be offered.
- Space has been reserved for first time guests who may not have been able to reserve a seat.
- Our ushers will dismiss those attending one pew at a time.
- We will *not* offer our coffee and connection time between services.

What should you do to help us minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19?

- In order to facilitate physical distancing, please reserve a seat in advance. The link is emailed in our weekly email and posted on our social media pages and website. (For those who do not receive emails or use social media, they can contact the church office Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm at (704) 805-4060 to reserve a seat.)
- Touchless temperatures will be taken of everyone attending at the entrance. (Temperatures must be measured under 100.4 degrees for entry to the service).
- Face masks are required at all times. We will provide you with a disposable face mask if you do not have one.
- We suggest that individual fellowship take place outside while continuing to be mindful of our session's encouragement to respect one another's safety and comfort levels.

Will there be a nursery or Kids' Church?

- There will not be a nursery or Kids' Church offered, at this time, for Indoor Worship Services. **Children are encouraged to attend the service and sit with their parents.** Parents, please keep your children with you at all times.
- Our children's ministry is partnering with parents by offering pre-recorded lessons that are released each Sunday on YouTube and Facebook as we continue to study together the New City Catechism. Monthly packets are mailed to families to foster discussion and understanding through activities.

Should you attend one of our Indoor services if you are part of the "at risk" population?

We want to encourage those who are in higher risk categories to take every necessary precaution. Our 11am Worship Service will be live streamed so you can participate in the whole service by watching it on YouTube.

What should you do if you are sick on Sunday or after attending a Worship Service on our campus?

- If you are running a fever or having any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay home. For a complete list of symptoms associated with COVID-19, please visit the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) website.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days, please stay home and monitor yourself for early symptoms.
- If you become sick and test positive for COVID-19 after recently attending a service, please contact the church office as soon as possible (704-805-4060 or paula@backcreekchurch.org).
- We will notify the congregation that a positive COVID test has been reported (while keeping confidential the person who tested positive) so that others can self-examine for symptoms and make the choice of whether to continue attending indoor services or worship via live streaming for a time.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please do not attend a service on our campus until you have reached the criteria established by the CDC which includes self-quarantining for 2 weeks after a positive test. For a complete list of CDC guidelines, please [visit cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

9am Worship Service

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11am Worship Service

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