

NEW OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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CHURCH RE-OPENING
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PRESENTATION

March 23, 2021
March 30, 2021

PURPOSE

The purpose of this presentation is to inform the New Oak Grove Church body of the items that have been implemented and the protocols that have been established to safely re-open New Oak Grove for Sunday Worship Services.



THE PROCESS

The Re-opening Committee was formed in October 2020 to research, secure and implement all guidance and protocols needed to safely and successfully re-open New Oak Grove for in house Worship Services in accordance with all CDC Guidelines.

THE TEAM

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RULES and REGULATIONS

THOU
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LOVE
THY GOD
With all thy soul
AND THY NEIGHBOR
AS THYSELF.

— St. Matthew 22:37-39



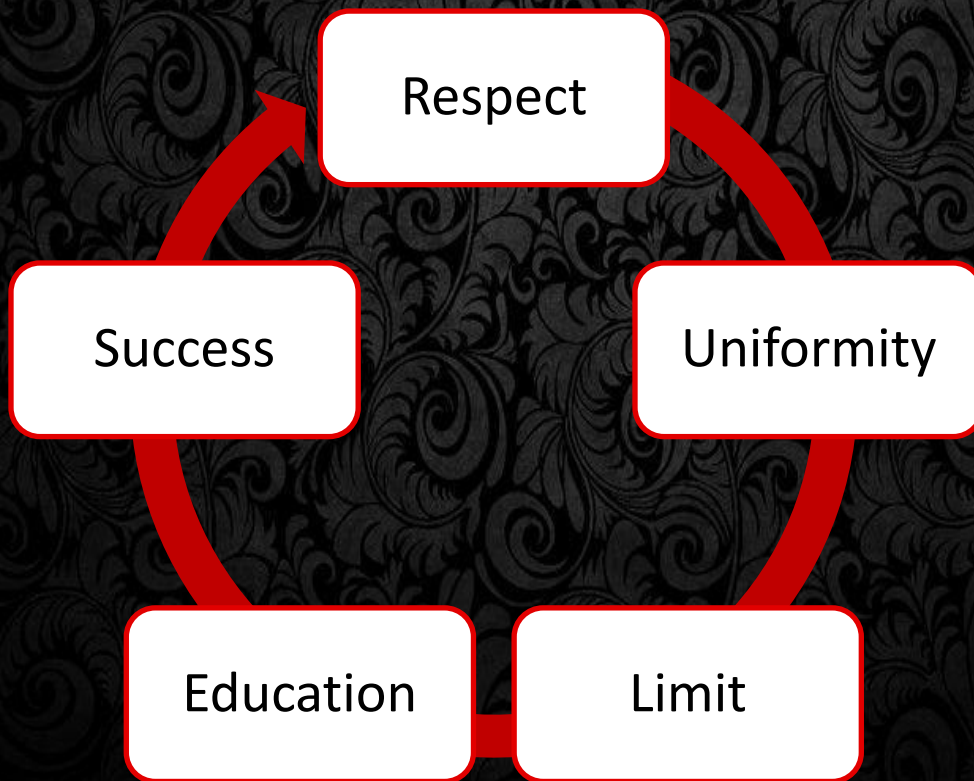
Definition of rules/regulation (n):

A principle or condition that customarily governs behavior

The greatest commandment (**RULES**)

- Matt 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (v 38) This is first and great commandment. (v 39) And the second is, like unto it, thou shall love thy neighbor as thy self.
- This scripture shows God's *rule* in a positive light on how we should focus and show love for God and others by being consciously obedient to the **rules** that are in place for everyone's well being.

R.U.L.E.S.



- **Respect** the rules and regulations as they will keep us all safe.
- **Uniformity** or consistency means following the rules, such as wearing your mask properly.
- **Limit** your personal contact with those not in your immediate circle.
- **Education** is key to everyone's good health and safety.
- **Success** means caring enough to do the right thing. Follow the rules and regulations.

Welcome back...



NEW OAK GROVE

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Reopening Worship Service

The Best Is Yet To Come

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021 | 10:30 AM



MEMBERS ONLY ZOOM MEETINGS | TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd & TUESDAY, MARCH 30th!



Commonwealth of Virginia
Office of the Governor

Executive Order

THIRD AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-ONE (2020)

AND

THIRD AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THREE
PHASE ONE EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Northern Virginia Region and City Of Richmond

(Excerpt)

Directive Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the Code of Virginia, the following is ordered:

B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS: 2. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

This restriction does not apply to the gathering of family members living in the same residence. “Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes. a.

- i. Individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:
- ii. Religious services must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy of the room or facility in which the religious services are conducted.
- iii. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined above, may be seated together.
- iv. Mark seating in six-foot increments and in common areas where attendees may congregate.

Executive Order continued

- v. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once, and discarded.
- vi. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- vii. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the establishment.
- viii. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding social distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- ix. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 2. Additional suggested guidance can be found at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Forward-Phase-One-Religious-Services-Guidelines.pdf>.

Government Health Agencies

Contact any of these agencies for up to date COVID-19 information.



Virginia Department of Health

P.O. Box 2448 | Richmond, Virginia 23218-2448
109 Governor Street | Richmond, Virginia 23219
(1-877-275-8343)
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Road | Atlanta, GA 30329 USA
800-CDC-INFO | (800-232-4636)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>

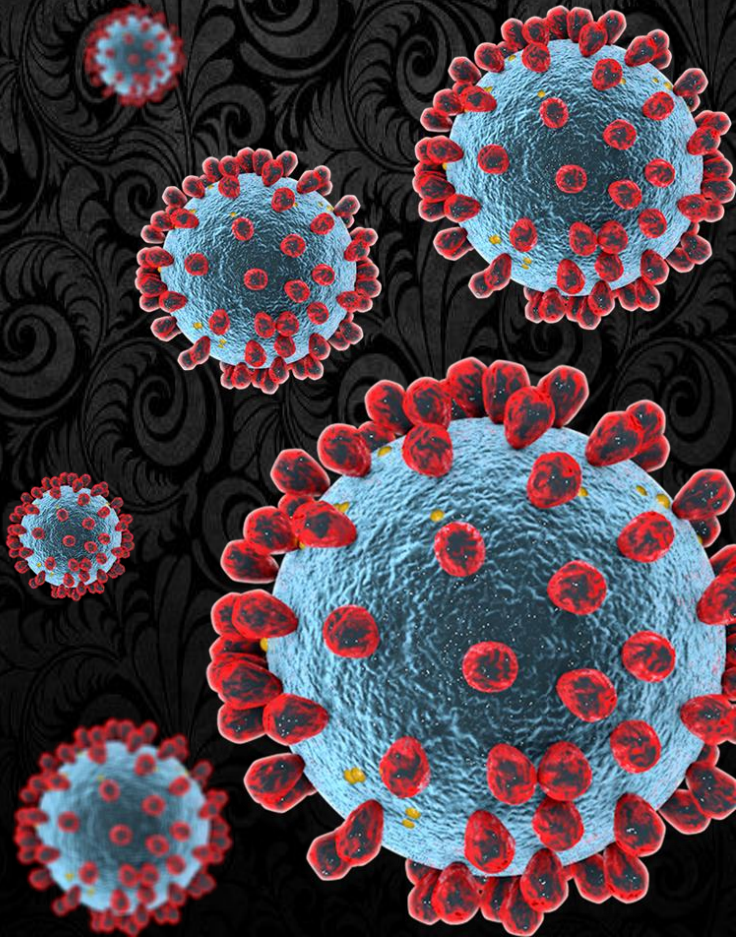


**World Health
Organization**

WHO Headquarters in Geneva

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Telephone: +41-22-7912111
<https://www.who.int/>

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS



COVID-19 symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

Call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE



If you answer “**Yes or Maybe**” to **ANY** of the following questions you should **STAY AT HOME** and take necessary medical precautions.

1. Have you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 21 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, fever at or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?
2. Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19?
3. Have you or anyone in your household visited or received treatment in a hospital, nursing home, long-term care, or other health care facility in the past 30 days?
4. Have you or anyone in your household traveled within or outside of the U.S. in the past 21 days?
5. Have you or anyone in your household traveled on a cruise ship in the last 21 days?
6. Are you or anyone in your household an unvaccinated health care provider or emergency responder?
7. Have you or anyone in your household cared for an individual who is in quarantine or is a presumptive positive or has tested positive for COVID-19?
8. Do you have any reason to believe you or anyone in your household has been exposed to or acquired COVID-19?
9. To the best of your knowledge have you been in close proximity to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19?

IN TOUCH MINISTRY

The In Touch Ministry was created for the reopening process and has worked diligently to connect with our members during the pandemic. They have connected with members and ministries to gauge the feelings and needs of the congregation during COVID; and to offer assistance in connecting with the church via Facebook and other social media platforms.

The ministry has also worked to update the contact information of our members for this very moment as we contact you to deliver important and pertinent information as we look forward to returning to in house Worship Services.

We thank our members for being hospitable and courteous, and willingly providing any requested information, as well as providing updated contact information of others. At this time we ask that you would continue to help us by reaching out and sharing this information with any of our seniors, youth and other members who may not have access to Zoom, a computer or a smart phone.



FACILITY PREP



In preparation to return to in house Worship Services, cleaning, disinfection and preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus is our first and foremost priority.

The church will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with EPA approved products before the initial return. A cleaning team has cleaned and disinfected every surface within the building and an air purification system that will remove 99.9% of all viruses, bacteria, dust, etc. from the air has been installed in the HVAC system. The custodian will clean and disinfect highly touched and shared areas following services and a hypostatic sprayer will be used to disinfect those areas.

Touchless Hand Sanitizer and Temperature Check Stations are located at entrances/exits and members will be required to sanitize their hands and have their temperatures checked upon entering the building. Persons with a temperature at or greater than 100.4 degrees will not be allowed admittance.

Church leadership and essential ministries have been trained to assist in carrying out the protocols that will be in place and it is the expectation that each member will do their part to adhere to the set forth protocols in order to keep yourself as well as others safe!

Signage is posted in highly visible locations (ex. entrances, restrooms, corridors, etc.) that promote everyday protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs, travel patterns and messages about behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19

RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS

The following Re-Opening Protocols outline and shall govern acceptable practices as congregants return to in house worship services at New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Should congregants have questions or concerns please contact the church office at newoakgrovembc@yahoo.com.



1a. Online Registration

Registration Notes:

- Families/congregants must register with REALM in order to register for events/services. Please submit updated email addresses to Trustee Kizzy Winston at anewoakgrove@yahoo.com to register in the system.
- Registration CLOSES on the Wednesday before the upcoming service and OPENS for the next week's service on that same Wednesday.



Families/congregants are asked to please register for services in order to assist in maintaining the CDC 50% occupancy (125) guideline. *Please assist our seniors, youth and others who may not have computer access!*

How to Register Online:

1. Access the church website at: www.nogbc.org.
2. Click the Realm button and log-in to your account.
3. Click EVENTS.
4. Under UPCOMING EVENTS select the service date that you plan to attend.
5. Click on the picture.
6. Under REGISTER select who will attend.
7. Click ADD A GUEST, if applicable.
8. Add the name of guest and repeat if necessary.
9. Click NEXT.
10. Under REGISTRATIONS, click NEXT then click REGISTER.
11. The registration is now complete for this event/service. Repeat for each service/event you plan to attend.
12. You will receive an email confirmation for each service.

Please, please, please arrive early for services!!!

1b. Registration Cancellation/Edit



How to Cancel Your Registration:

1. Access the church website at: www.nogbc.org.
 2. Click the Realm button and log-in to your account.
 3. Click EVENTS and under the MY EVENTS tab click the service date that you registered for and need to cancel.
 4. Click MANAGE REGISTRATION.
 5. Under the service name click CANCEL REGISTRATION.
 6. Click CANCEL REGISTRATION.
 7. You will receive an email confirmation for the service you cancelled.
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How to Edit Your Registration:

1. Access the church website at: www.nogbc.org.
2. Click the Realm button and log-in to your account.
3. Click EVENTS and under the MY EVENTS tab click the service date that you registered for and need to cancel.
4. Click MANAGE REGISTRATION.
5. Click EDIT WHO'S COMING.
6. Under EDIT REGISTRATION, check the name/names of the person(s) you need to remove, OR click ADD GUEST to add the names of persons you are registering.
7. Click NEXT.
8. Under REGISTRATIONS, click NEXT.
9. Click UPDATE.
10. You will receive an email confirmation for the service you edited.

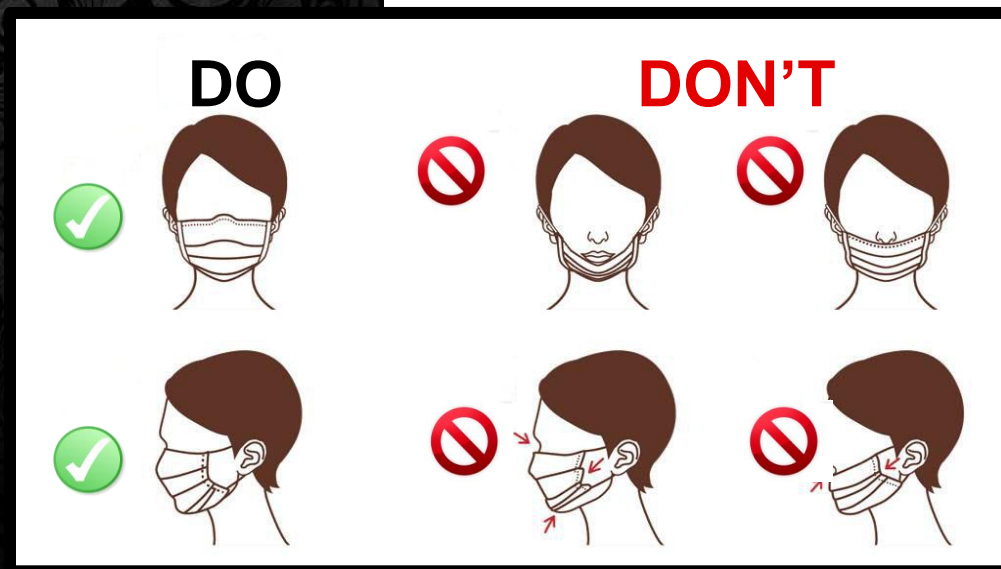
2. Signage

1. Signage is posted on the grounds, at entrances and throughout the building to share information about COVID-19, friendly reminders for Dos and Don'ts, ways to stay healthy and guidance on ways to stay safe; as well as social distancing and directional messages.
2. Congregants are asked to please abide by signage as posted at all times **for the safety of everyone!**.



3. Masks and Face Coverings

1. Masks/face coverings are required at ALL TIMES while on the church grounds, including inside the building. Masks may be removed once you enter your vehicle.
2. Masks/face covering must be worn properly to cover both nose and mouth for your protection and to protect others. See the diagram below.
3. Children under the age of 2 are exempt from wearing masks.
4. Some people may be exempt from masks requirements for health and safety reasons i.e. people with disabilities, health conditions that make it unsafe to wear. It is recommended these persons not attend services for their safety and the safety of others.



4. Entering the Building



1. Worship Services will be held in Oak Grove Hall.
2. If you or a family member in your household are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, please **DO NOT ENTER** the building.
3. When in line to enter the building always maintain 6 feet distancing from persons in front and behind you if those persons do not live in your household.
4. Please follow directional signs for traffic flow, and should you have to meet someone walking in the opposite direction always stay to the far right of the hallway/corridor.
5. Two Ushers and two Hospitality Team members will be positioned at the entrance to:
 - i. Insure each person is masked.
 - ii. Take the temperature of each congregant. No person with a temperature above 100 degrees F shall be granted admittance.
 - iii. Direct congregants to use hand sanitizer before entering the Hall.
 - iv. Distribute masks, if necessary.
 - v. Direct persons as needed.
6. Two Security Team members will be positioned at the entrance to:
 - i. Assist in maintaining order among persons entering the Hall.
 - ii. Direct persons as needed.

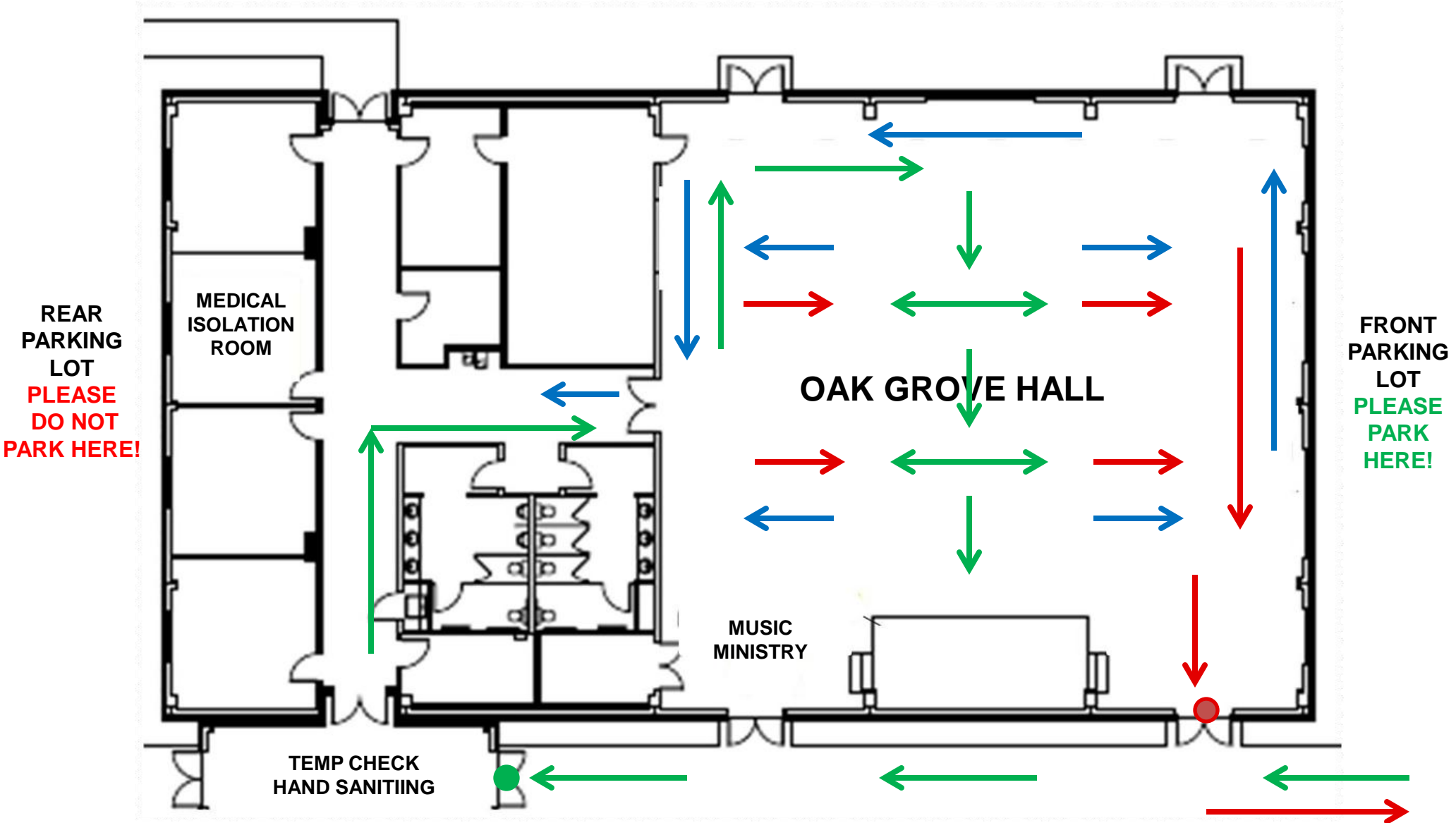
5. Travel Patterns

PLEASE PARK IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT!!!

Please do your best to follow travel patterns as indicated.

Stay toward the right in aisles, hallways and corridors.

● Enter Here ● Exit Here ● Bathroom



6. Greeting Others

1. Always try to maintain a distance of 6 feet from those who live outside of your household.
2. Handshakes, hugs, kisses, fist bumps and other forms of physical contact should be avoided with those who live outside of your household.
3. Elbow bumps are acceptable!



7. Seating

1. Family members/congregants who live in the same household will be seated together as stated in the Governor's Executive Order.
2. Families/congregants will be seated in groups of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.
3. The ushers may ask your family to sit in a particular area. Please be helpful by following their direction.
4. The Lead Usher will coordinate with floor ushers to direct families/congregants to be seated.



8. Worship Service



1. All CDC Guidelines will be followed. Services will be held in Oak Grove Hall at 50% (125) persons Occupancy and all CDC guidelines will be followed.
2. A Praise Team and the Music Ministry will be in place to serve.
3. Congregants must remain masked during services.
4. Congregants are encouraged to remain in their seated area.
5. Should a congregant be overcome in the spirit, we ask that a member of the persons household comfort or tend to that person.
6. No Bibles, bulletins, fans, hymnals, or other common items may be passed to others during Worship Services.
6. Congregants must exit the Sanctuary immediately following the Benediction. No socializing is permitted.
7. No 2nd Services will be planned.
8. Services will continue to be streamed on Facebook Live.
9. If attendance numbers grow beyond capacity there is a possibility that an earlier Sunday service may be scheduled.

9. Tithes & Offering



1. Congregants should be prepared by having envelopes filled out and check/monies placed in your sealed envelope upon arrival for services.
2. A Deacon and Trustee will be positioned at the Hall entrance to collect tithes and offerings upon entrance into the Hall.
3. The Trustees will proceed as usual.
4. Online giving is available via Realm on the church website or on the Givelify app at New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.
5. Tithes and Offerings may still be dropped off on Saturdays or mailed in to the church office at:
New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
3200 Head River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

10. Bathroom Breaks



1. Members are encouraged to abstain from beverages in order to decrease the need for bathroom breaks.
2. Restroom capacity will be decreased to 3 persons at a time to ensure social distancing is maintained.
3. Should a break be needed during the service, an usher or Hospitality member will direct your movements.
4. Should a break be needed at the end of the service, a line will be formed and an usher or Hospitality member will direct your movements to ensure social distancing is maintained.
5. Disinfectant wipes will be provided to wipe faucet and/or toilet handles before use. Please discard used wipes in trash receptacles, **not in the toilets.**
6. Hand sanitizer will be provided for use after hand washing.

11. Water

1. Drinking water/fountains will not be available as water fountains will be out of order.
2. Congregants should bring bottled water should they feel lead to do so.

**PLEASE DO NOT
USE WATER
FOUNTAIN**



12. Announcements

1. Weekly announcements will be delivered on the screen on Sundays and by Pastor Johnson on Wednesdays during Bible Study on Facebook Live.
2. Monthly announcements will be available on the church website at www.nogbc.org under the EVENTS tab.



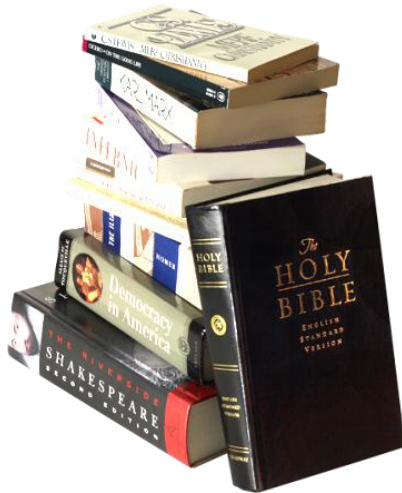
13. Baptism



1. Persons who have completed their Covid-19 vaccinations may be water baptized.
2. Candidates will receive specific instructions as always and must bring at least 2 bath towels, preferably white.
3. Masks must be worn at all times (except for the candidate at the time of immersion.)
4. Pastor and the candidate will go down into the baptismal pool and gloved Deacons will assist.
5. Family members from the candidate's household will assist the candidate as they exit the pool as well as escorting them to the appropriate dressing area.
6. Other persons who are present must maintain 6 feet distancing at all times.

14. Bible Study

1. Congregants should register using the steps stated on the Online Registration page.
2. All CDC guidelines will be followed.
3. In house Bible Study will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.
4. Bible Study on Facebook Live will continue.



15. Children's Church

Children's Church
will resume when
conditions improve
and more restrictions
are lifted.



16. Church Conference

Church Conference will not be held unless there is business of extreme importance.



17. Dedications



Ministry Uniforms

1. Ministries may dedicate new uniforms, as needed.
2. Ministry members should gather at the Altar, maintaining 6 feet distancing.

Baby/Child

1. Families may dedicate their child following church guidelines.
2. Contact the church office at newoakgrovembc@yahoo.com to schedule the date.
3. The parents/guardian will hold the child at all times.
4. Only family members from the same household may accompany the child.

18. Homegoing Celebrations



1. Homegoing Celebrations may be held at 50% Occupancy (125) inside OGH or at the church graveside and will follow all CDC guidelines.
2. Services may also be held at the Funeral establishment or at a public cemetery.
3. The family's contact person should contact the church via email at newoakgrovembc@yahoo.com to plan the Homegoing Celebration service.
4. No Repasts will be served at Oak Grove Hall.

19. New Members and Right Hand of Fellowship

1. New Members will be accepted by New Oak Grove on Sundays or during any service or program.
2. New Members will complete a Membership Form online at nogbc.org. The online form is located under the WHO WE ARE tab.
3. New Members Class will be held virtually via Zoom.
4. Upon completion of New Members Class, the new member will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship with an ovation from the congregation instead of a traditional handshake.



20. The Lord's Supper

1. Communion will proceed with pre-filled cups.
2. Deacons (with gloves on) will hold Communion Trays at the entrance when entering the Hall and will pass congregants an individual, prefilled Communion cup.
3. Members may dispose of used cups in trash cans located at the exit.



21. Ministry Meetings

1. No Ministry Meetings will be held at the church.
2. Ministry Leaders are encouraged to hold meetings via Zoom or conference calls.
3. Contact the church office at newoakgrovembc@yahoo.com to schedule your Zoom or conference call meeting date and time and/or for more information.
4. Ministry Information, Budget and Planning Forms are available online at www.nogbc.org. Complete the ONLINE form.



22. Media Ministry

1. The Media Ministry will continue to operate and will stream Sunday Worship Service and Wednesday Bible Study on Facebook Live each week.
2. A registration allotment of 2 persons has been made for services each week; however persons who are not serving on a particular Sunday MUST register if they plan to attend.



23. Music Ministry



1. The Music Ministry will rehearse on Saturdays in Oak Grove Hall.
2. The Music Ministry's Praise Team will serve during Sunday Worship Services
3. A registration allotment of 8 persons (3 *musicians/5 praise team*) has been made for services each week; however persons who are not serving on a particular Sunday MUST register if they plan to attend.

24. Sunday School

Plans to resume Sunday School
will be announced at a later date.

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25. VBS

Plans to resume Vacation Bible School
will be announced at a later date.



26. Outreach Food Bank

The Outreach Ministry will resume operations at a later time.



27. Weddings/ Receptions



1. Congregants may hold weddings and/or receptions at Oak Grove Hall!
2. Contact the church office at newoakgrovembc@yahoo.com to schedule and plan your event. Set up and decorations must be placed the day before and removed the day of for cleaning and disinfecting purposes.
3. All previous wedding/reception and catering protocols will be followed except the availability of dressing rooms. The wedding party must arrive dressed in their wedding attire.
4. Attendance must adhere to current CDC guidelines. Visit <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/schools-workplaces-community-locations/social-gatherings/> for up to date COVID-19 restrictions.
5. Oak Grove Hall Capacity: 125 persons

28. Exiting the Building

1. Members will be asked to remain seated immediately following the Benediction.
2. An usher or Hospitality member will direct your movements to exit the building.

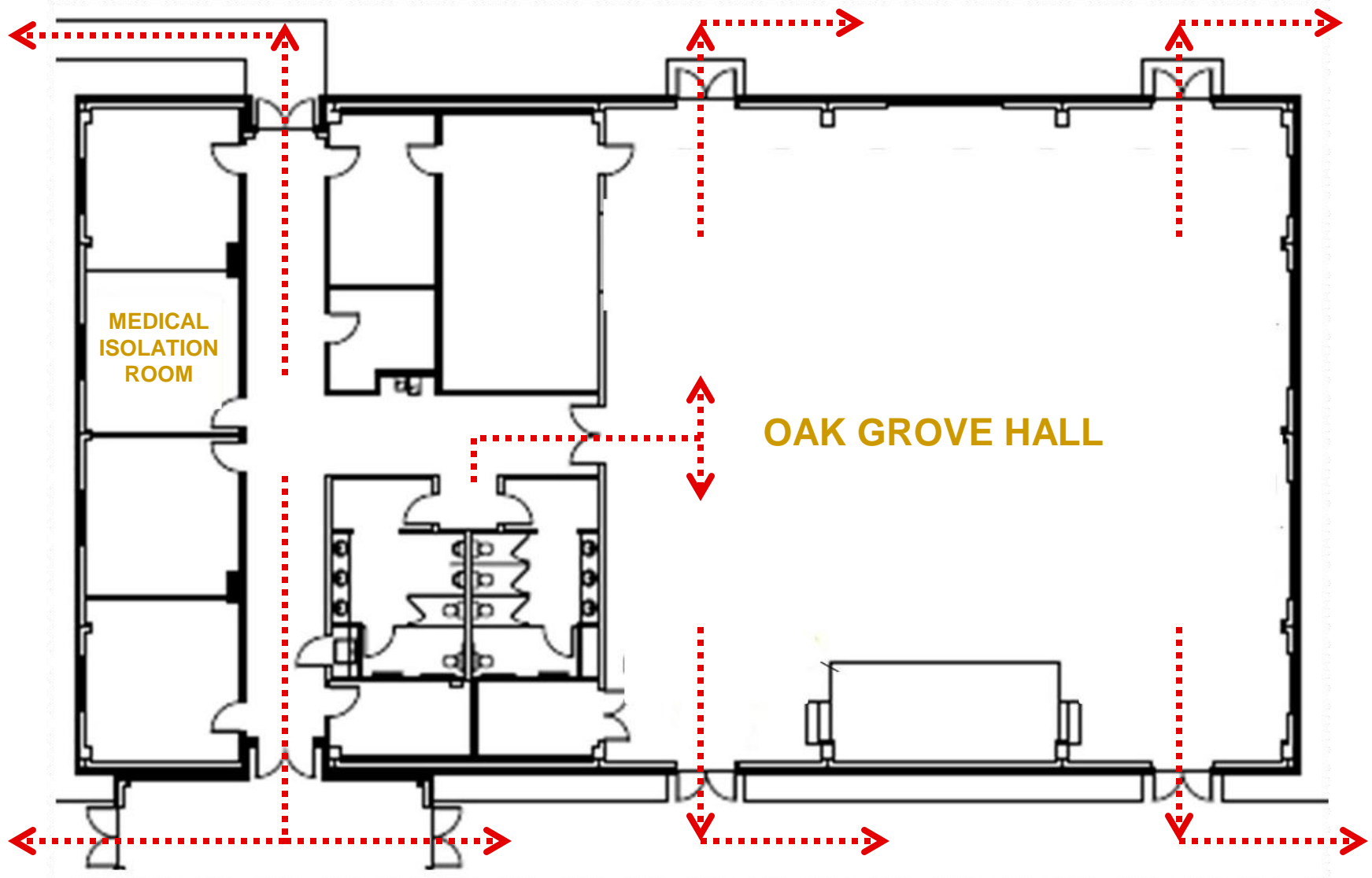


29. In Case of Emergency

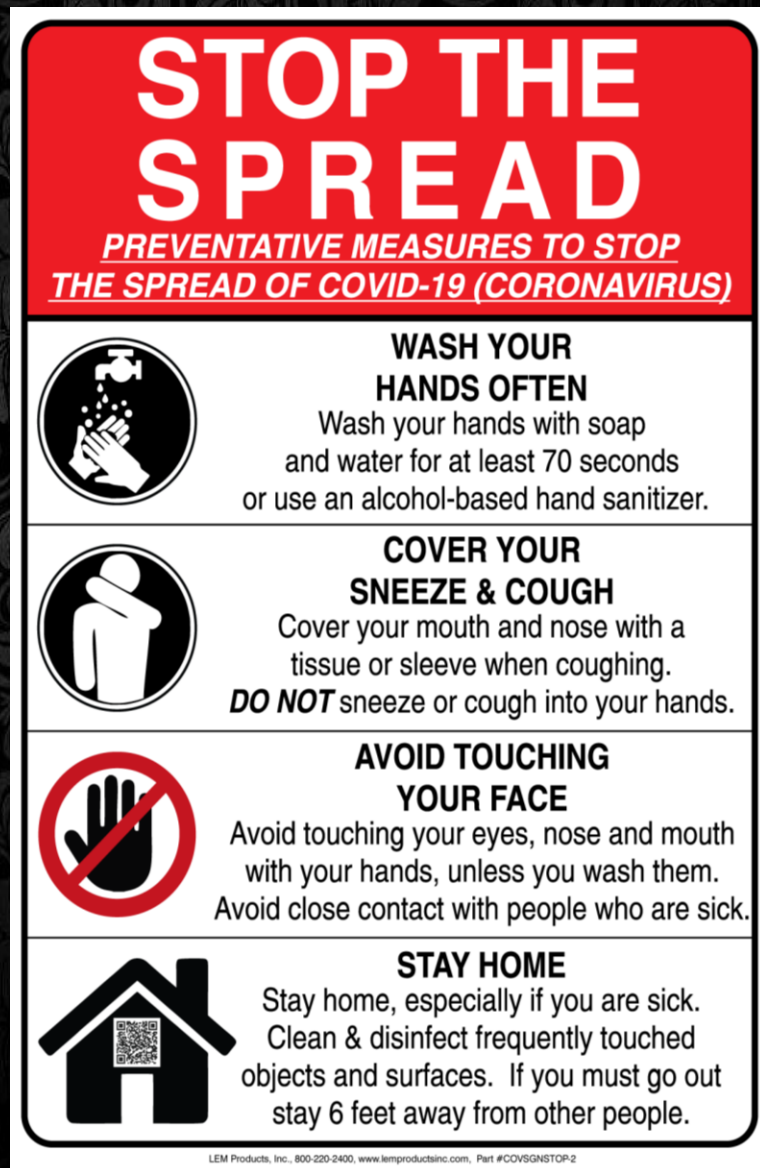
1. Should a congregant become ill while in the building a 3 person Emergency Response Team will assess the emergency and proceed accordingly.
2. The person will be moved to a designated Medical Isolation room for assessment and necessary medical care will be provided.
3. If the person experiencing the emergency cannot be moved, service will be halted and the congregants will be directed to exit the building so that the necessary medical care can be provided.
4. In case an evacuation of the building is needed, follow the direction of the leadership and exit at the closest exterior door.



Evacuation Plan



Safety Actions



Always take these steps to reduce your risk of getting and/or spreading COVID-19:

- Correctly and consistently wear a mask that completely covers your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol)
- Get vaccinated when the vaccine is available to you
- Get tested if you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

Even if you and others (including children) do not feel sick and do not have any symptoms, **you can still spread COVID-19 to family, friends, and community.**

Do NOT be around others if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, if you are sick, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19.



STAY AT HOME

If you are sick, have recently been sick, or if there is
any possibility that you are infected with COVID-19

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

STAY

AT HOME

COVID-19 Emergency for Church Leadership



In Case of COVID-19 Emergency

1. Identify an area to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 during church service, and ensure that children are not left without adult supervision.
2. Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who becomes sick at the facility to their home or a healthcare facility.
3. Notify local health officials if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the facility and communicate with staff and congregants about potential exposure while maintaining confidentiality as required by the American with Disabilities Act or other applicable laws and in accordance with religious practices.
4. Advise those with exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC Guidance if symptoms develop.
5. Close off areas used by the sick person and do not use the area until after cleaning and disinfection. Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children.
6. Advise staff and congregants with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have tested positive for COVID-19 not to return to the facility until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation .
7. In the event of a positive Covid-19 case: members of the clergy, employees, and volunteers should inform their head of the House of Worship and follow state testing and contact tracing protocols.

For Your Review

This slide presentation is available for you to review and revisit at your convenience on the church website at nogbc.org under the EVENTS tab.

Please become familiar with the new protocols to help ensure a safe reopening; and everyone's safety!

Thank you!!!

