

# **East Jackson Church Of Christ**

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## PROTOCOLS FOR RENEWING OUR COLLECTIVE ASSEMBLY

After much prayer, consultation with medical staff, and deliberation, the leadership announces the following plan to reassemble for collective assembly beginning on **Sunday, August 9, 2020**.

Considering Scripture and safety, the following protocols are being instituted regarding our East Jackson family returning to worship together at the building. Please understand that we need the assistance and cooperation of all of our members in order to restore meeting again.

The Proposal is as follows:

- A. All attendees MUST wear a mask or some form of face guard. All attendees two years old and above should wear some type of face covering. Members are asked to bring their own mask. We will have disposable masks available if someone forgets or is not aware of our policy.
- B. All attendees MUST be willing to have their temperature checked at entry.
  - 1) Please arrive early for this process to flow smoothly.
  - 2) Anyone with a temperature of 100 or above will be sent home.
- C. Practice social distancing. We will utilize the main floor of the building and the balcony.
  - 1) families only (same household) will be allowed to sit together.
  - 2) the other persons should sit as indicated by the blue tape on the back of the pew.
  - 3) we will use every other pew. Do not sit in a pew marked off by yellow tape.
- D. Worship processes to be employed:
  - 1) no song books will be available. Once our new equipment is installed, the songs will be on the overhead screens.
  - 2) no communion trays will be passed around. Each member should get the communion container from the table as they enter the auditorium and hold on to it till the proper time.
  - 3) no collection trays will be passed around. Each member should place their offering in the containers at the entry when they enter or when they leave.
  - 4) Place your attendance card in the containers at the door as you exit or leave it on the pew.
  - 5) The same is to be done with visitor cards.
  - 6) We must follow the directions of the ushers and security team. Be advised that seating will be based on social distancing. Therefore, you may not be able to sit in your “favorite seat” or even in the section of the auditorium that you usually sit in. Even after

you are seated, you may be asked to move to another seat to accommodate the numbers while maintaining proper distance.

E. Access to restrooms and water

- 1) Restrooms will be limited to two persons at one time.
- 2) As you wash your hands and get ready to exit the restroom, hold on to your paper towel until you get to the bathroom door. Use the paper towel to grip the door handle to open it. Then deposit the used towel in the trash can by the door.
- 3) Water fountains will not be available. Bottled water will be available near the fountain. Do not take the bottled water into the auditorium.

F. Dismissal and Exiting the building.

- 1) You will be instructed on when to exit. An elder or worship leader will dismiss by sections.
- 2) Once dismissed, please go directly to your vehicle. Do not linger in the foyer or halls so that we can maintain social distancing.
- 3) No handshakes, hugs or physical contact.

G. There will be no bus service. All members who previously rode to Services in our buses are asked to seek alternative modes of transportation during this time because social distancing is not possible in our Church vehicles.

H. Leadership believes it would be wise to begin with just one Worship Service per Sunday (9 AM), then slowly include other services as we continually evaluate the situation.

I. **Stay home - IF!** Members with underlining health issues or concerns should stay home

- 1) If you are ill or have a fever;
- 2) If you have been in contact with some who is currently infected;
- 3) If you have an “at risk” medical condition as noted by the CDC;
- 4) If you feel uncomfortable being in an assembly at this point in time.

Note: There are those who have allergies or sinus issues which causes them to cough or snuffle. You must have face coverings and you must not be offended if another member is not comfortable with your cough and decides to move to another seat.

J. The live streaming and the television program will continue for those who are unable to attend.

- 1) Please notify the church office via the website, email or phone of your attendance through one of those mediums.

This Policy of Procedures is instituted because your safety is our Leadership’s primary concern. Let us remain prayerful, careful and mindful during this pandemic.

Elders & Ministers