

Gospel Kingdom Church Guide Lines For Covid-19 Reopening

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Saints of Gospel Kingdom Church

We find it necessary now to send you this memo, so that you may understand some guidelines that we feel is in our best interest. We are in a changing time. It shows us how quickly events can affect not only us but also the whole world. We want to be aware and concerned about each other's health and welfare. Therefore, that is why we are implementing the following guidelines. They are as follows. In Matt. 22:36-40 Jesus responded to a question as to the greatest commandment. His response was to "Love the Lord God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind" "And the second is like unto it, thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself" So we may not like some of these restrictions, but let us do them for each other. In this, we can manifest our love to each other.

1. If possible every one bring their own **Mask or Bandana** and to wear it in to the church and leave it on during the service. When one is speaking behind the pulpit, it is permissible to remove your mask while speaking also young children who are not able to wear them or someone with a lung or breathing condition are allowed to remove them. After speaking, you must once again put on your mask. For those who wish to testify there will be 2 microphones set up on a stand, one on each side of the church. Please avoid from touching the microphone or stand. This avoids the repeated handling of the microphones and limits possible contamination.
2. As you are about to enter the building, someone with a temperature scanning device will greet you. It will not harm you nor touch you. If you have a temperature of 100.5 or higher or if you are coughing or sneezing with signs of a possible sickness, we must then insist that you return home. If you are not able to watch the service on live stream then we can see to it that you receive a DVD of the service. An usher will then open the door for you so you will not have to handle the door. We will be utilizing two entrances, the very back door on the west side of the building for the handicap or elderly, and the one on the south side of the building closest to the parsonage. This is because it allows us to seat everyone in an orderly fashion and still allow us to keep everyone 6 feet apart.

3. Upon entering you will be required to maintain a social distance of a 6 feet radius, with the exception of your household. If you live in the same house, you can sit by and remain close to those of same household.
4. An usher will seat you (and your family). You cannot choose your own seat! Please obey the usher; this is for your protection as well as others.
5. There will be no wind instruments allowed to play, only strings or percussion.
6. Singing during the worship service is allowed but only if you are wearing **your mask**.
7. During this time, prayer lines are not allowed. If you need prayer raise your hand and the whole church will pray for you from their seats or where they are standing.
8. We want you to have the right to shout, but to do so from your sitting or standing area.
9. When using the restroom only one person is allowed at a time in each restroom, with the exception of you and your child. There are 2 handicap restrooms and 2 on the first floor and 2 behind the platform. Please use these. We request that you do not go down stairs in the basement nor on the 2nd floor Sunday School area. After you finish in the restroom **wipe down everything you touched with a sanitary wipe!!!** Then put your wipe in the trash can not in the commode!
10. Please do not shake hands, hug or kiss anyone at our church service.
11. Those who have underlying health conditions should use wisdom and stay home. This is for your safety. The CDC has recommended that if you are over 60 or have health issues such as high blood pressure, heart trouble, stroke, diabetes, breathing issues, autoimmune issues or blood disorders, etc. you should not be anywhere there are crowds.
12. After the service is over please wait until the usher dismisses your row. Walk in an orderly fashion. **DO NOT CONGREGATE INSIDE THE CHURCH, THE FOYER, OR AT THE DOOR!** If you want to speak or socialize outside in the parking lot, please stay apart 6 feet.
13. We will start with having one service only to measure how we are doing.
14. Our limit on attendance is 33% of our capacity which is approximately 123 which should be adequate
15. After the service, we will utilize an EPA certified disinfectant recommended by CDC.

We are taking these measures to try to protect everyone. There have been cases where a person had no symptoms at all but was yet a carrier of Covid- 19. That is why we are taking such measures. Please bear with us and try to understand the necessity of these actions we are taking. Remember we are doing this for each other. As Jesus said by this will all men know you are disciples because you have love one to another. This is for protection of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us pray for each other and get our love one to another. ***May God Bless you all Richly.***

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