



IMMANUEL
BIBLE CHURCH

RETURNING TO IBC FAQS

Why has June 7 been selected as the date to reopen the church for worship?

Much preparation has been underway to align the reopening of our worship services with the phased guidance which is being disseminated from our governor's office. Following the commencement of Phase 1 for NOVA, we plan to test our own plan and procedures on Sunday, May 31, apply all lessons learned and then invite the congregation to join us on Sunday, June 7.

Will IBC be following the governor's guidelines for opening?

The Elders and Pastors of IBC are committed to following the guidelines listed in our governor's phased approach. These guidelines actually give the church some welcomed flexibility.

How will we control the number of people who are in the gathering areas Worship Center & Atrium on Sunday?

We plan to offer an online registration system which will allow us to monitor and regulate the number of service attendees who will worship with us in our Worship Center and Atrium. This should enable us to stay within suggested social distancing guidelines.

What entrances should I use when I arrive for Sunday worship?

Only Entrance 1 (Braddock Road) and Entrance 2 (Backlick Road) will be used to enter and exit the building. Of note, there will NOT be any shuttle bus service offered until further notice.

Will restrooms be available?

Restrooms will be available on both ends of the Lobby. Signs will indicate that maximum restroom occupancy will be not more than four persons at a time.

What will be offered on Sunday mornings?

Services will be offered simultaneously in the Worship Center and Atrium at 8AM and 11AM. We will continue to offer a FULL ONLINE SERVICE at 9:30AM. This will allow our staff the opportunity to sanitize and reset between services.

What safety measures can I expect to see on a Sunday morning?

Our plan involves having all main doors propped open, ample hand sanitizing stations, scheduled sanitizing of meeting areas/restrooms, organized seating and dismissal procedures and ample volunteers to assist in ensuring a safe and enriching worship experience.

What cleaning and precautionary measures are being taken to ensure the safety of everyone?

For each service, we plan to remove all communal items from the pew racks (hymnals, bibles, pens and offering envelopes), sanitize all restrooms, door handles and hand-contact surfaces, and offer hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building. Paper bulletins will be replaced with an online bulletin.

How will we maintain social distancing during worship services?

Our Usher team will be marking available seating in both the Worship Center and the Atrium, which will allow for proper social distancing for individuals and families. Additionally, our Ushers will assist in the seating and dismissing of rows to best match a flow of pedestrian traffic which will maximize social distancing.

How should we greet one-another?

While in the past a friendly handshake or hug have been the norm for greeting one another, a hearty but socially distanced broad smile and warm hello will be the recommended approach.

Are facemasks required to be worn when in the church building?

In accordance with Virginia Executive Order Number 63, facemasks will be required while inside our church buildings for those 10 years old and older.

Will there be congregational singing?

Yes, our plan is to offer a full service to include congregational singing.

Will online worship services continue to be offered?

Yes, we plan to continue to offer a full online worship service at 9:30AM only.

What about communion and baptism during this time of physical distancing?

IBC has purchased convenient, individual communion packets (contains bread and juice) which will allow us to continue offering quarterly congregational communion. Baptisms will continue to take place.

When do you anticipate restarting ABFs, Children's Ministry, Nursery, Student Ministry, etc.?

While many ABFs are continuing to meet virtually, the IBC Elders and Pastors will be evaluating the viability and timing of restarting individual ministries on the campus. ABFs, Student Ministry and Children's Ministry (to include the Nursery) will not meet on campus for the time being.

What about VBS and summer programing?

The tentative VBS schedule has been moved to August and a decision will be made soon regarding the ability of IBC to host a VBS on our campus. All other summer programing has been postponed until further notice.

Is the church open to the public during the week?

While the staff will be working on campus, all IBC buildings will be closed to the public. Please phone 703-941-4124, option #1, in order to make an appointment to meet with a specific staff member on our campus.

Will the Bookstore be open?

The IBC Bookstore will be open on June 7th with limited capacity.

Is counseling still available through our Care & Counseling ministry?

Our counseling team has and will continue to offer counseling via Zoom. Please contact our Care and Counseling Center for an appointment.

How is the church doing financially?

God and His people have continued to bless our church abundantly. We are happy to report that giving has been consistent and we are meeting all of our financial obligations.

How do I know if I should worship from home?

Continuing to worship from home is suggested for those in the congregation who may be over the age of 60, immune-compromised, ill or otherwise concerned about exposure. A full worship service will be broadcast online each week.

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