

RIVERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

PLAN FOR RE-OPENING FOR CHURCH SERVICES - CAPACITY 50 (FIFTY)
(1/3 of building capacity or 50, whichever is less)

STEP 1 (PARKING AND WAITING)

Parking spaces on paved lot closest to building to be blocked off to allow for safe distancing line up to prepare for entry into church building. Space to be marked of with painted lines and/or traffic cones. This allows for approx. 120 feet. Others to wait in vehicles until space becomes available in line.

Signage will be added to instruct and remind congregants of guidelines and procedures. (i.e. distancing, cleaning, follow directions, don't enter if you are feeling ill or have symptoms). Anyone parking off site will be required to follow all directions from the ushers when they arrive on site.

Ushers will be monitoring this area to ensure social distancing is maintained and direct when individual/family cluster can move forward.

STEP 2 (ENTRY AND SEATING)

Entry to church will be by the front double doors and exit is from the front of the sanctuary. (two exits to ensure social distancing). The floor will be marked with directional arrows. One-way traffic flow.

Sanitizer will be available at both entry and exit.

Ushers will record those in attendance for tracking purposes.

Ushers will escort people to their seats, where they will be asked to remain seated throughout the service (cases of emergencies will of course allow for an exception). Seating will be arranged at either end of pews to ensure safe distancing and no one will have to cross in front of anyone else that isn't in their family bubble)

STEP 3 (SERVICE)

We will be asking congregants to refrain from singing, but if they want to they will be told they MUST wear a mask

The worship leaders will be asked to sing "sideways", away from the congregation. They will be approx. 10 feet away from the congregation and the pastor will not be on the platform during this time.

Microphones will be set up so each person has their own.

STEP 4 (EXIT)

When the service is complete, the congregants will be asked to leave by row (front to back to ensure safe distancing). They will be asked not to gather outside but to go to their vehicles and leave)

GENERAL

Washroom will have proper sanitation and/or soap for hand washing and will be monitored for cleaning/sanitization as required.

All faith related events in the building other than the Sunday worship service will be required to follow this plan. No food or drink is planned and communion will be handed out by ushers as people come in, in pre-packaged individual servings.

Offering envelopes for those who need them will be handed out by ushers on entry. Offering envelopes will be deposited in a basket/box placed at exits.

Our plan is to have our first service with 20 to 25 people as a "trial run" to ensure all the above can be implemented smoothly and safely.