



OPC Covid-19 Re-Entry Policy

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As our Covid-19 task force monitors the metrics of safe gatherings in and outside our building, we will continue to provide policy and procedures to ensure we keep our community safe. At this time, the following procedures will be required for any gatherings in and outside our church building.

Outside Gatherings: on the front lawn, parking lot, or other outdoor area on our church grounds.

- **If you have a temperature higher than 98.6, or have any other symptoms related to covid-19 (cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, fever, loss of smell or taste, diarrhea),** we ask that you stay home.
- For contact tracing and scheduling purposes, all usage of space must be coordinated ahead of time with the church office (office@opcbrookhaven.org).
- Gatherings are limited to no more than 50 people.
- Face masks are required and can be provided if needed.
- For outdoor gatherings, you will be expected to bring your own chairs/supplies, and not use any from inside the church building.
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be observed at all times.
- Refrain from physical contact.
- Limit time spent in gathering to under an hour.
- The adult, indoor bathroom on the sanctuary level may be used as long as guidelines for inside gathering use, listed below, are followed.
- Sanitize any areas that were touched, including indoor bathroom, before leaving, using the supplies provided by the church.
- Outdoor worship services are permitted as long as these guidelines are followed, along with no congregational singing. Live streaming of the service will still occur for those remaining at home.

Inside Gatherings: Sanctuary, chapel, fellowship hall, gathering room, library, choir room, parlor, narthex. Any space used by the preschool (other than entranceways and hallways) will be off limits at this time.

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- For contact tracing and scheduling purposes, all usage of space must be coordinated ahead of time with the church office (office@opcbrookhaven.org).
- Gatherings are limited to no more than 20 people in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary. Any other room, no more than 10 people.
- Face masks are required and can be provided if needed.
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be observed at all times.
- Refrain from physical contact.
- Limit time spent together to no more than an hour.
- The only bathroom available for use is the adult bathroom on the sanctuary level.
- Indoor Worship services are permitted, as long as singers and speakers remain masked and provide ample social distancing from one another.
- Sanitize any areas that were touched, including indoor bathroom, before leaving, using the supplies provided by the church.
- OPC staff will continue to be encouraged to work from home, however, will be permitted to return to the building to work as needed.

All individuals are expected to strictly follow these guidelines to preserve the safety and well-being of ourselves and others. It falls upon us to lovingly enforce these rules with one another for the sake of our community.

This document is subject to change. The OPC Covid-19 Task Force will continue to monitor the status of the virus over the following months to determine what next steps will be for our life together.

Grace and peace,

OPC Covid-19 Task Force