

# Covid-19 Reopening Plan-St. Paul Lutheran, Bulverde, TX

## Reopening Phase 1 Plan

Start Date:5/17/2020

- **One worship service in the CFC**

- Alternate between traditional and contemporary, 9:30am
- Communion served with pastor wearing face shield
- No Sunday school or other in person events

## Reopening Phase 2 Plan

Start Date:9/20/2020

- **Move back to two worship services each Sunday**

- 8:30am Traditional Service for Vulnerable Persons
- 9:40-10:40 Sunday school
- 10:45am Contemporary Service

- **8:30am Traditional Service for Vulnerable Persons**

- This service is specifically for those who are at risk and their families.
- The service will be held in the sanctuary.
- The following measures will be taken:
  - Every other pew will be roped off. The front pews will be roped off.
  - One pew per family unit, unless the family unit is only 1 or 2 people. In that case one family unit can be at each end of the pew.
  - Masks are required by all at this service except those leading music, liturgy, sermon etc. while leading.
  - Reservations will be required at least until we know it is not necessary. The cap will be 45 people. You make reservations by contacting the church office no later than 10am on the Friday before.
  - If we are short on space due to visitors, we may ask some members to switch to the second service, starting with staff and council.
  - A table with hand sanitizer and masks will be provided in the narthex. Given the use of hymnals etc, attendees are urged to use hand sanitizer at the very least at the start and completion of the service.

- **10:45am Contemporary Service**

- Masks are strongly encouraged.
- Only family units should sit together.

- **All services**

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- Communion will be offered using individual disposable cups/crackers.
  - The pastor leading the liturgy will wear a mask while doing so if within 6 feet of the cups.
- All paid staff will be required to wear masks on Sunday mornings at all times except when they are leading worship and/or more than 6 feet away from others.
  - The staff hopes that council can join them in this as a shared sign of leadership & sacrifice.
- There needs to be at least a 24 hour window between usage of spaces for worship.
- Appropriate cleaning measures will continue to be taken during the week.

### **Reopening Phase 3 Plan**

Start Date: 12/6/2020

#### **Continue all Phase 2 items with the following additions/changes:**

- In the sanctuary we will open up the back pew reserved for the ushers to be used. Ushers and tech can use the pew currently reserved for tech.
- The capacity for the sanctuary as a result will be increased to 50 people.
- We will be introducing our new bulletin handouts and they will be provided for both services. They will be half sheets of paper with sermon notes & info on one side and a limited number of announcements on the back. The ushers will hand these out with gloves on.
- We will have half sheets that have the order of service for the traditional service available for people to pick up. The ushers will hand these out with gloves on.
- We will put both handouts on the website for people to be able to view, save or print.
- Sunday school classes will continue to make choices as to what safety measures they utilize. We ask that they communicate these to the church office so we are able to answer questions. We also ask that Sunday school leaders book space with the church office for their classes and communicate when they are meeting so that we know.
- For the modern service, we will be moving to 5 feet between rows of seats instead of 6 feet and will increase the number of chairs.

### **Reopening Phase 4 Plan**

Start Date: 04/11/2021

#### **The following adjustments will be made from phase 2 & 3. All other practices to remain the same.**

- No reservations required for the traditional service.
- No roping off of pews or requiring distancing for the front 2/3 of the sanctuary except the first row on each side. The back 1/3 will be for those who want to distance. Masks will still be required for everyone unless actively leading worship and 6 feet away from others.

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- Chairs in the CFC will be distanced 4 feet instead of 5 or 6.
- Masks still optional but encouraged. Staff must wear masks unless actively leading worship and 6 feet away from others. Family units still encouraged to sit together.
- Gloves not required by ushers.
- Both services will continue be recorded and posted online and live stream of the services will be added.

### **Reopening Phase 5 Plan**

Start Date: TBD (target date no later than 8/31/21)

#### **The following adjustments will be made from current practices**

- No distancing required in any services. No pews to be roped off.
- Masks optional for all events (including staff) except for the traditional service where they will remain required.
- Fellowship hour with coffee/donuts outdoors.

### **Reopening Phase 6 Plan**

Start Date: TBD (target date no later than 9/30/21)

#### **The following adjustments will be made from current practices**

- Return to normal communion practices.
- Fellowship hour with coffee/donuts back in fellowship hall.

### **Reopening Phase 7 Plan**

Start Date: TBD (target date no later than 10/31/21)

#### **Return to new Normal**

- Masks welcome but not required in any services or events.
- Keep offering and bulletin practices from phase 2 & 3 as permanent changes.
- Worship recording & live streaming to be permanent.