

Warrenton Baptist Church

Procedures & Guidelines for Limited In-Person Worship Attendees

1. Reservation for Worship

Per health guidelines, we established a 75-person limit for seating in the sanctuary. As we begin to re-open, we request members make a reservation to attend to help us meet but not exceed our 75-person limit. Members and guests are able to do this through the WBC website. If you are not able to use the website capability for any reason, please call the church office by noon on Friday before the Sunday you wish to attend. Your reservation will include number of family members planning to attend and sit together. After making reservation, you will receive instructions and guidelines by e-mail to ensure you know how to prepare and attend the worship service within the established guidelines and have a meaningful worship experience. If you have any special needs not addressed by these guidelines, please call the church office.

2. Seating Arrangements and Procedures

Families permitted, and encouraged, to sit in small groups within a single pew. Social distancing protocols will be implemented with minimum 6 feet distance between occupied pews. All attendees will be escorted to their pews by ushers, who will ensure sufficient space between groups such that 6 feet distance protocol sufficiently maintained. At conclusion of the worship service, Ushers will assist you in exiting sanctuary in orderly, socially distant manner when directed by the worship leader.

3. Avoid Person-to-Person Contact

We ask that all people avoid physical contact and/or getting within 6 feet of others not in your group/family while entering, moving around inside, and exiting the building. Avoid shaking of hands and hugging others. Act as if you may have the virus and wish not to infect others.

4. Hand Sanitization

We ask that you use hand sanitizer stations made available upon entry and exit (especially after using handrail on stairs). You will be reminded by Ushers and Greeters to do this.

5. Use of Personal Face Masks

Per Governor of Virginia Executive Order, all people must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering while in the building. You will be asked to put on your mask when you enter the building. Ushers will provide face covers to those who forgot to bring theirs. You may not remove your mask until you exit the building. As an exception, face coverings may be removed by those leading worship while on the platform.

6. In-Person Attendance Guidelines

Finally, we ask that you stay home and join us for worship online if any of the following are true for you or any member of your party wanting to attend worship in person:

- You cannot wear a facemask or do not wish to do so for any reason.
- You believe you are in a high-risk category for COVID-19 due to age or health concerns.
- You will find it difficult to manage young children sitting with you while adhering to these guidelines.
- You are not feeling well, you are showing symptoms of illness of any kind, or believe you may be coming down with an illness that may or may not be related to COVID-19.
- You believe you, or any member of your party, have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.