

GAYTON CHURCH | PHASED RE-OPENING PLAN

FAQ's

Schedule

We begin to regather at Gayton Church beginning July 12, 2020 and continue weekly thereafter.

- Celebration gathering @ 9:30 in the Worship Center
- Nexus gathering @ 10:45 in the Gym
- Online gatherings will continue at both 9:30am and 10:45am each week.

Why This Plan/Strategy?

This date and time(s) were chosen by the SLC, Staff, and Reopen Work Group after much prayer and careful consideration of a number of factors including:

- Guidance from staff and church leadership
- Informal surveying of members/attendees
- Government guidelines

Who Can Attend?

Anyone who is not showing known symptoms of COVID-19 is welcome to attend.

Symptoms of COVID-19 Include:

Fever or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

We encourage people who might be more vulnerable to the virus to make prayerful and wise decisions about what is best for their personal health. That applies to those 65 and older and those with underlying health issues.

What should I do if I test positive for active COVID-19 after having attended worship in the last 14 days?

Contact the church immediately at 804-360-2801 with the date of the diagnosis as well as the date(s) you attended.



When can you be around others after you think or know I had or likely had COVID-19?

The CDC advises that you can be around others after 3 days with no fever and respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) and 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others when you have no fever, respiratory symptoms have improved, and you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after 10 days have passed since test.

If I tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms when can I be around others?

The CDC advises that if you continue to have no symptoms, you can be around others after 10 days have passed since test.

Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for "I think or know I had COVID, and I had symptoms."

What will happen if someone in a gathering I attended tests positive for COVID-19?

Upon notification we will reach out via RSVP list to all those who attended that worship gathering.

What door do I use for entry & exit?

9:30 GATHERING: You will use the front door to the building for entering and exiting.

10:45 GATHERING: You will use the gym door at the back of the building for entering and exiting.

Note: all other doors will be locked, please use the front and gym doors as indicated

Where should I park my car?

Please park your car using every other space in front of the Short Pump Café and to the left of the church building for the 9:30 gathering. Please park your car using every other space in the parking area to the right and behind the church building for the 10:45 gathering.

Are senior adults welcome?

The CDC's recommendations and those extended by the Commonwealth of Virginia are for people age 65 and older to stay home as much as possible. Because of our love for our senior adults, we suggest that those age 65 and older wait to return to on-campus worship for a few more weeks after our first regathering. That said, we will not stop anybody from attending if they do not show symptoms of illness.

Are children welcome?

Yes! Children are welcome if they are not showing known symptoms of COVID-19. No childcare or children's programming will be provided; therefore, all children must sit with you in the worship



gathering. If your child will be in a stroller, the stroller must be kept out of the aisles due to fire code requirements. If you're in the gym, you can also occupy the carpeted area as an alternative.

Is there room for everyone who would like to attend?

We believe that we have room for everyone who is ready to come back to on-campus worship, even while following Virginia's guidelines on required social distancing. However, to ensure we're able to accommodate everyone we encourage you to reserve seating either online at **GAYTON.CHURCH/REGATHER** or by phone to the church office (804-360-2801). This is asked so that we are able to contact you quickly if needed. If you have not reserved seating you are still welcome and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Impacts of Social Distancing

You will find as you arrive that seating will be arranged in such a manner as to ensure 6' distancing. The chairs will be in groups of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 and you can be seated based on your family size. One exception is that if you are a single you can sit on the end seat of either end of a 6 chair group allowing four chairs or 6' between. Ushers will encourage seating starting from the front of the room and then filling towards the back. At the end of the gathering, the back rows will exit first. Please refrain from meeting in the foyer or hallways, proceed outside.

Online Worship

Worship gatherings will continue online each Sunday at 9:30am and 10:45am.

Building Usage

At this time, the building is open on Sunday morning to those attending gatherings in the Worship Center or in the Gym. The designated entrances will be unlocked during arrival and dismissal, but will otherwise remain locked during the duration of each gathering. For the safety of our Quest attenders, the education wing and the Agape/Space/Quest hallways are closed at this time.

Bible Studies/Small Groups/Discipleship

Groups will continue to meet online. No date has been set for when these groups will begin gathering in person on our campus. Existing Bible Study groups can decide on their own if they want to gather in person off campus while following social distancing guidelines and taking other necessary precautions.

How will we maintain social distance in the parking lot and in the building?

- Our Guest Services team will be in the parking lot to help guide guests toward designated entrances and exits.
- Sidewalks and interior hallways will be marked in 6' foot increments.
- Plenty of directional signs and reminders will be posted in and out of the building.
- Exterior and interior doors will remain open so that no physical contact is needed to enter or exit the building.
- We ask that, as hard as it is, we keep greetings to waves and hellos vs. hugs and handshakes.



Will masks be required?

Please bring your mask as they are required at all times while on campus. All members/guests over the age of 10, staff members, and those serving are required to wear masks. A limited supply of masks will be available for those needing. If, for medical reasons you are unable to wear a mask, we will attempt to accommodate to a designated area.

Will hand sanitizer be provided?

Yes, hand sanitizer will be available and attendees are encouraged to use it. You may also bring and use your own.

Will restrooms be available?

One set of restrooms will be available for each gathering, though we ask you to limit use when possible. The door to the restroom will remain open and disinfecting wipes or spray will be available to you for pre or post use. Hand washing before leaving restroom is highly recommended.

Will the facilities be cleaned between gatherings?

Yes. Our cleaning service will thoroughly clean facilities before that week's gatherings. We will spot clean as necessary while the facility is being used.

Worship Gatherings

What will the worship gatherings be like?

Worship is going to look and feel very different.

- Masks must be worn at all times including when singing.
- Social distancing is required at all times.
- Ushers and greeters will help all attendees find seats that maintain social distance.
- Ushers and greeters will dismiss attendees in rows to help maintain social distance.
- Hymnals, Bibles, Connect Cards, envelopes, and pens have been removed from the chairs.
- Offerings will not be collected during worship, but can be dropped off at the doors as you enter or exit.
- We will serve communion using individually bagged, disposable cups that are pre-filled with the juice and bread. The bag can then be used for disposal in trash receptacles.

Can we give during worship?

All Bibles, Hymnals, envelopes, Connect Cards, pens and other materials have been removed from chairs. You may drop offerings in the box at the doors as you enter or exit. We encourage online giving at GAYTON.CHURCH/GIVE.



Are Bible Studies available online?

Yes, most of our Bible Study groups have been meeting online via Zoom or other platforms. Contact us at **GAYTON.CHURCH/CONNECT** for help getting connected to a Bible study.

Is the church office open?

The church office will be open from 9am-3pm, Monday-Thursday. Staff are serving in-office on a limited basis and are available by appointment. You can also contact staff members via message at **GAYTON.CHURCH/STAFF**.