

St. John's Christian Church
Resumption Plan for October 4, 2020

1. SJCC will continue to promote healthy hygiene practices – sanitizing/washing hands, covering coughs/sneezes, and asking people who are sick or not feeling well, or live with or care for someone who is sick or not feeling well, to refrain from attending in-person services or ministries.
2. People are expected to comply with the state wide face covering order when they are in the church building or within 6' of other people when outside the building. When staff and volunteers are leading people in group settings inside the building – such as Sunday school, Faith Village, Bible Studies, Small Groups and Wednesday evening ministries – leaders will wear a face covering. As children in kindergarten at area schools are wearing facial coverings, we ask children in kindergarten and older grade levels to wear facial coverings when inside the church building.
3. The church custodian and Advance Cleaning Company employees and selected volunteers will continue to sanitize the facility, including sanitizing areas in between usage by different groups.
4. Input from Fulton and Henry Count Health Departments, area public school teachers and from parents of children in the congregation have been consulted regarding expectations of protocols.
5. It is recognized that not every potential situation is fully spelled out or covered in this plan, yet the intent of these safety precautions will be applied in all ministry activities during the pandemic.
6. Worship Ministries
 - a. SJCC will continue to offer worship services in-person, on the radio, by live stream and on-line.
 - b. People will be expected to social distance themselves in the sanctuary pews, respecting the people around them. Worship will begin with announcements that include social distancing parameters, such as that if you are sitting directly behind someone, you are closer than the recommended 6'.
 - c. A worship bulletin will be available for people to pick up as they enter worship. The bulletin will include the text of scripture readings, and church staff will strive to include in the bulletin the sheet music of all songs for the service, as the pew racks will remain void of Bible and hymnals.
 - d. Offering plates will remain at the sanctuary entrances, and communion will be served with the use of individually prepared communion sets.
 - e. The nursery will remain unavailable for use during the 10:30am service of worship. Parents of young children are encouraged to have their children in worship with them. The congregation has a long history of family worship! The joyful sounds of young children are a blessing and will be understood as a part of our atmosphere of worship.
7. Christian Education Ministries
 - a. As SJCC resumes Sunday school, Faith Village, Bible Studies, Small Groups, Logos, JYF, SYF, Life Planning and Music Ministries, the following protocols will be followed:
 - b. Symptom Assessments

- i. Attendees will be asked to conduct daily symptom assessments upon arrival. If any of the following symptoms are present, attendee will be isolated and parents will be contacted: fever of 100.4 degrees or above, 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, vomiting or diarrhea.
- c. Sanitization
- i. Before and after classes/sessions – hand sanitizer will be used by each person when entering the room and when leaving the room.
 - ii. Containers of hand-sanitizer will be placed in each room for individual use as needed
 - iii. Frequently touched surfaces – door knobs, light switches, tables and chairs – will be sanitized between groups using a room.
 - iv. Specific items will be removed from rooms in order to facilitate the sanitizing of each room. This would include toys from the nursery, touchable/portable decorations, etc.
- d. Snacks/Refreshments
- i. Items will be pre-packaged/individually wrapped.
 - ii. Hand-sanitizer will be used before and after any eating.
 - iii. People will be spaced out enough so that face coverings can be removed while eating.
- e. Contact Tracing
- i. Attendance will be taken for each class/group setting.
 - ii. Participants will be given their own supplies (markers/pens/scissors/glue) which will be cleaned after each session.
 - iii. Large groups will be divided in to smaller groups of 10 or less, with those smaller groups being maintained throughout the class/session time, with 1 adult per group of children. The following situations are examples of our practices moving forward:
 1. For Faith Village Gathering Time – a maximum of 17 children and 3 adults will be able to gather in The Well, with half the children on the north end of the room and half the children on the south end of the room. If attendance is higher than 17 children, another room will be ready for use, with prepared leaders.
 2. There are plenty of rooms upstairs for Faith Village groups to be spread out in.
 3. For Junior Choir Practice – children will be spaced out in groups of ten or less, with multiple pew spacing in between each group.
 4. For JYF – Youth will be divided into groups of 9 or less, with 1 adult per group, with the large group utilizing a large space in the building, such as the gym, chapel, or confirmation room.
- f. Attendees will not congregate in groups before or after classes/sessions unless facial coverings are worn and social distancing guidelines are followed.
- g. Best Practices
- i. Physical distancing (6ft. or more) observed at all times, when possible.
 - ii. Activities involving “group/hands on” will be altered to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
 - iii. Velcro dots will be placed on the floors and/or on the walls of the various rooms so people can see where to stand/sit/line-up to stay spaced out.
 - iv. Sanitizing wipes will be available in each room for sanitizing any shared items after use.

- h. **Preschool Sunday School and Logos Preschool**
 - i. All children in our preschool classes will need to be potty trained before they can participate in class, unless a parent of each non-potty trained child is in the room.
- i. **Logos Meal / Start Time / Schedule**
 - i. For the time being, there will be no Logos meal served on Wednesday evenings.
 - ii. 6:30pm – Logos will begin with a gathering time in the gym – with each age group (with 9 or less in subgroups with 1 adult per group) gathering in a specific spot in the gym.
 - iii. 6:45pm – Logos Preschoolers, in groups of 9 or less, with 1 adult per group, will move to their classroom for their evening lesson.
 - iv. 6:45pm – 1st thru 5th Graders will move in their small groups to the sanctuary for worship skills
 - v. 7:20pm – 1st thru 5th Graders will move in their small groups to their individual classrooms for Bible study.
 - vi. 7:55pm – Preschool through 5th Grade will move in their small groups to the gym for closing and pick up by parent(s).
- j. **Youth/Adult Ministries**
 - i. Confirmation – will meet in the confirmation room, which is a double classroom space to allow for spaced out seating.
 - ii. Senior High Class – will meet in the youth room, which is large enough to allow for spaced out seating.
 - iii. Forerunners Class – will meet in the Fireside Room pending number of people in attendance for appropriate social distancing; if the attendance is greater than the room can safely hold, the class might be divided into two classes for the time being, with one class remaining in the Fireside Room and the second class meeting in another first floor space.
 - iv. B.A.S.I.C. Class – will meet in the gym, with dividing curtains in place to improve audio atmosphere
 - v. Women’s Class – will meet in the parlor
 - vi. Connections Class – will meet in the chapel
 - vii. JYF – will meet in the gym and Fireside Room
 - viii. SYF – will meet in the youth room
 - ix. LP – will meet in the chapel
 - x. Tuesday Bible Study – will meet in the chapel