

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

What to Know Before You Attend Indoor Service

Below are a few key points for you to be aware of as you prepare to attend the indoor service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email info@gbclorton.com.

- 1. Health Check:** If you are sick with COVID-19, if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, if you are awaiting test results for COVID-19, or if you have had direct contact with a known COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days—please do not attend. According to the CDC, people with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
 - a. Cough
 - b. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - c. Fever
 - d. Chills
 - e. Muscle pain
 - f. Sore throat
 - g. New loss of taste or smell

- 2. Arrival/Departure:** Please arrive at least 10 minutes early, so that you can find your assigned seat. Please leave the building promptly after the services conclude. We encourage you to greet one another outside.

- 3. Face Coverings:** Face coverings are required to be worn in the building at all times. ([VA Department of Health: Cloth Face Coverings](#) / [Executive Order 63](#))

- 4. Physical Distancing:** Please maintain appropriate distancing while in the building from those who are not in your immediate family. We are suspending all handshakes, hugs, etc., for the time being.

- 5. Building Spaces:** While you are in the building, please note that certain parts of the building will be closed off. Additionally:
 - a. Only the first-floor bathrooms will be available, and to only one person at a time (unless multiple from same household).
 - b. Complimentary coffee/tea will not be available for the time being.

- 6. Parents:**
 - a. There will not be Children's Ministry at this time.
 - b. Your child(ren) must remain with you at all times.
 - c. If your child(ren) is/are under the age of 5, they must be held, at least by the hand, by you when not seated.
 - d. The Nursing Mom's room will be open for diaper changing, etc.

- 7. Offering:** Offering plates are not currently being passed during the services, so we will continue to encourage offering to be done online for the time being. (No physical offering plates will be passed.)

SOPs for Confirmed COVID cases at Sunday Services

Basic Scenario: Person/household attend a Sunday service. Later in the week, they are diagnosed with COVID, and cannot rule out having had COVID while at the Sunday service.

Upon learning of the diagnosis, Church leadership will take the following actions:

- 1.** We will notify the entire congregation via church-wide email that someone (un-named) with a known case of COVID was at the XX service on YY date. We will ask anyone who was at that service to be attentive to the possible onset of symptoms, and we will remind everyone that they are not to attend any church function if they have any symptoms COVID, regardless of whether they have had any known direct contact with an infected individual.
- 2.** We will also notify anyone seated immediately around the person/household who was diagnosed with COVID. We will not identify the person/household, but will provide additional, specific notification to those who were seated closest to the person/household for the duration of the service (using the seating chart from the affected service).
- 3.** We will also work with the infected person/household to identify anyone with whom they may have had direct contact, based on CDC definition of direct contact. We will ask the infected person/household to take the lead on this action, communicating with anyone they may have had extended conversation with before/after the service, or close physical contact.
 - a.** As needed, we will provide assistance with contact information and provide assistance with definitional information around what constitutes "direct contact", but ultimately it depends on the memory and personal decision of the person/household to decide who – if anyone – should get a personal notification based on likely direct contact.
 - b.** By definition, this level of notification would not preserve anonymity, which is why it is ultimately the responsibility of the person/household involved.
- 4.** If the above actions cannot be taken prior to the following Sunday services, then that Sunday's services will be online only.
- 5.** If there is any indication (via positive tests or clear symptoms) that multiple COVID-infected individuals/households were at a single worship service, or any indications of COVID spreading between people/households who were in attendance, then all church activities will be cancelled for a period of no less than 14 days.