

# Plan for Reopening North Main Regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus)<sup>1</sup>



North Main Street Church of God  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **(CURRENT)**

**Level 1 (RED) - Known outbreaks in the region of COVID-19 with confirmed cases increasing and numbers of related deaths increasing**

- **No events scheduled:**
  - Maintain social distancing requirements – 6 feet
  - Stay-at-home protocols in place
  - In person church services are strongly discouraged
  - If gathering is necessary, groups should be LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN 10 in attendance
  - Work remotely as possible
  - CDC Cleaning protocol required
- **Prevent Spread:**
  - Stay-at-Home protocols followed
  - Implement remote meetings (phone, email, or online/video)
  - Suspend in person hospital/nursing home/home visitations
- **Serve:**
  - Continue to produce at least a weekly online worship service via Facebook, YouTube, and website
  - Continue encouraging online giving to keep ministries operational
  - Continue implementing Senior Citizen Care
  - Continue to use Congregational Care teams in calling and sending cards to quarantined/hospitalized persons
- **Prepare:**
  - Put necessary plans in place for reopening at Level 2

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<sup>1</sup> This plan is devised from the recommendations and suggestions listed here: *“Guidelines: Opening Up America Again”* (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guidelines-for-Opening-Up-America-Again.pdf>), and *“Process to Open Up Pennsylvania”* (<https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>), and *“Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes”* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>), and *“WPA MINISTRIES Information Regarding Functioning of Churches in the Midst of COVID”*

- Level 2 can be achieved if, within a two-week span, confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths continue to decrease

**(NORTH MAIN LAUNCH DATE: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

**Level 2 (Orange) - Known outbreaks in the region of COVID-19 with confirmed cases decreasing and numbers of related deaths decreasing over a few-week period**

- **Offices open and on-campus Small Group events and gatherings encouraged and scheduled:**
  - Continued social distancing requirements – 6 feet
  - Gatherings must be LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN 50 in attendance
  - CDC Cleaning protocol required
- **Prevent Spread:**
  - Persons experiencing flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sneezing, etc.) are encouraged to stay home
  - Persons whose immune systems are compromised, or who are in the “at risk” category, should continue to shelter in place
  - Persons should refrain from handshaking and hugging
  - Meetings may begin face-to-face with proper social distancing (remote meetings via phone, email, or online/video suggested)
  - No food or drink distribution at social gatherings
  - Hand sanitizer available at all on campus gatherings
  - Facemasks suggested, but not required
  - Continued suspension of in person hospital/nursing home visitations
- **Serve:**
  - Develop an on-campus and/or online grief or anxiety group study
  - Continue to produce at least a weekly online worship services for online viewing (small groups are encouraged to meet in homes for weekly Sunday worship services whenever and wherever possible)
  - Continued encouragement of online giving to keep ministries operational
  - Continued implementation of Senior Citizen Care
  - Continued implementation of Congregational Care Teams to call and send cards to quarantined/hospitalized persons
- **Prepare:**
  - Put necessary plans in place for reopening at Level 3
  - Level 3 can be achieved if, within a two-week span, confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths continue to decrease

**(NORTH MAIN LAUNCH DATE: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

**Level 3 (YELLOW) – Known outbreaks in the region of COVID-19 with confirmed cases decreasing and numbers of related deaths decreasing over a few-week period**

- **Corporate worship services on-campus and large group gatherings scheduled:**
  - Recommended social distancing – 6 feet
  - CDC Cleaning protocol required
- **Prevent Spread:**
  - Persons experiencing flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sneezing, etc.) should be encouraged to stay home
  - Persons whose immune systems are compromised, or who are in the “at risk” category, should be encouraged to stay home
  - Suggested: Refrain from handshaking and hugging
  - Meetings may begin face-to-face with proper CDC cleaning guidelines
  - Suggested: No food or drink distribution at social gatherings
  - Continued suspension of in person hospital/nursing home visitations until these institutions begin to allow for visitors
  - Hand sanitizer available at all gatherings and recommended regular handwashing with soap
  - Provide sealed and prefilled communion cup and wafer sets, instead of using communion trays to be distributed upon entering the sanctuary/worship center
  - Volunteers will check people in at the check-in stations or persons can check-in online prior to arrival
  - Volunteers will serve coffee at the coffee shop (no self-service). Donuts will not be offered until Level 4 (Green)
  - Tithes and Offering will be collected via lock boxes throughout the facility instead of passing plates/baskets
  - Designated greeters/ushers will open entrance/exit doors to limit people touching doorknobs and handles
  - Do not engage in “Meet and Greet” moments during the Sunday service
- **Serve:**
  - Develop a plan to engage and disciple those new persons who have joined you online by creating an online digital welcome card, challenging them to action
  - Develop an on-campus and/or online grief or anxiety group study
  - Continue to produce at least a weekly online worship services for online viewing (small groups are encouraged to meet in homes for weekly Sunday worship services whenever and wherever possible)
  - Continued encouragement of online giving to keep ministries operational
  - Continued implementation of Senior Citizen Care
  - Continued implementation of Congregational Care Teams to call and send cards to quarantined/hospitalized persons

- **Prepare:**
  - Put necessary plans in place for reopening at Level 4
  - Level 4 can be achieved if, within a two-week span, confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths continue to decrease

**(NORTH MAIN LAUNCH DATE: July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

**Level 4 (GREEN) – Known outbreaks in the region of COVID-19 with confirmed cases decreasing and numbers of related deaths decreasing over a few-week period**

- **All large and small group gatherings on-campus, with children’s events beginning phase in process:**
  - Children's Ministries will reopen with a phased-in approach starting with the older children first.
  - Children’s ministry events must follow CDC guidelines for hygiene and disinfecting.<sup>2</sup>
  - CDC Cleaning protocol required
- **Prevent Spread:**
  - Continued implementation of suggestions from Level 3 until a vaccine is developed
  - Donuts and coffee will be served at the coffee shop by volunteers (continued no self-service)
- **Serve:**
  - Continued suggestions from previous levels.

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<sup>2</sup> “Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open” (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>)