

## **CONNECT CHURCH RE-ENTRY PLAN** **...a four-phase work in progress**

“Behold I am making all things new!” Revelation 21:5

*Crisis is an accelerator. It amplifies your weaknesses and enhances momentum.*

*Connect Church cannot return to church as usual. Everything must become new.*

*Moving forward Connect Church will be both/and. Our online campus has become our main campus, and we minister to our microsities. “Asking if online attendance counts is like asking Sears if Amazon counts.” (Carey Nieuwhof)*

Connect Church is not re-opening. We never closed. We are re-gathering with a re-entry plan that embraces a new normal.

### **THE FOUR PHASES OF RE-ENTRY**

The following plan is subject to the most conservative of guidelines issued among the local, state, or federal governments. It assumes an understanding of social distancing and all safety protocols.\*

#### **Phase 1: June 7 – 21 OR The month of June**

- Facility thoroughly cleaned and sanitized weekly.
- Record Sunday service in a Thursday evening preview gathering of staff, elders, and guest services personnel only. Shortened service protocols.
- All in attendance wear masks and sanitize hands upon entry. Guest services also wears gloves. Only guest service personnel will open all doors...including restrooms. Discourage restroom use.
- No offering or communion. No bulletins or message notes. No coffee or water offered.
- Play service on Sunday morning. Encourage Connect congregation to host multiple online watch parties and to grow engagement.
- Continue Wed. evening online worship and prayer.

#### **Phase 2: June 28 – July 12 OR The month of July**

- Facility thoroughly cleaned and sanitized weekly.
- Live (shortened) service on Sunday morning with only staff, elders, guest services and now parking lot attendants (wearing masks to convey safety to our community). Portray indication of coming re-gathering. All in attendance sanitize hands upon entry.
- Guest services wear masks and gloves and only they open all doors...including restrooms. Discourage restroom use.
- No offering or communion. No bulletins or message notes. No coffee or water offered.
- Service is simultaneously livestreamed though all our social media venues.
- Encourage Connect people to gather physically in homes and establish Connect “microsites.” Start with our connection groups.
- Encourage others to host online watch parties.
- Connect youth can begin meeting wearing masks and practicing social distancing.
- Continue Wed. night worship and prayer online gatherings.

### **Phase 3: July 19 – August 9 OR The month of August**

- Facility thoroughly cleaned and sanitized weekly.
- Two Sunday morning live gatherings at 9:15 and 11:00 (plus simultaneous livestream). Chairs socially distanced. Facility sanitized between gatherings. Everyone must wear a mask.
- Three possibilities for who meets when...
  - A. Register online/ticketed.
  - B. One gathering for vulnerable population only (over 60 and families with young children)
  - C. 9:15 = A-M, 11:00 = N-Z
- Only guest services opens all doors...including restrooms (discourage restroom use).
- No nursery or kids. Children MUST remain with parents at all times.
- Offering plates set on table at entrance. No communion. No bulletins or message notes. No water, coffee or refreshments offered.
- Encourage/Assign home based microsities with physical watch parties.
- Assign online campus pastors for livestream watch parties.
- Staff to re-enter office.
- Moneychangers and NHCC drop-offs resume.
- Add Unleashing Compassion.

### **Phase 4: GRAND RE-ENTRY!! August 16 – September 27 OR Month of September**

- Facility thoroughly cleaned and sanitized weekly.
- Act like a brand-new church! Create momentum! Prepare for maximum impact!
- Continue two Sunday gatherings, livestream, in-home microsities, online watch parties with campus pastor(s).
- Add nursery and Kids.\*
- No masks or social distancing\*
- Add offering and communion.\*
- Connection groups offered both virtually and physically.
- Add AWANA or Thursday night “family worship” option.

### **Ongoing:**

- Online campus with assigned campus pastor(s)/coordinators and virtual watch parties.
- Online campus with physical micro-sites in homes.
- Connection groups and classes offered both virtually and physically.
- All events offered both virtually and physically. Increase virtual options.
- Bulletins, message notes, and connection card MUST all be offered virtually.
- Increase technology.