

We are excited for on-campus worship to return **Sunday, May 31**. As we welcome people back to our campus, there are new procedures that will help us maintain the health and safety of our congregation and guests. This letter will provide an idea of what to expect when you and your family return to worship.

We are aware that many people still have serious concerns about gathering in larger groups. For those, we will continue to broadcast our worship services on Facebook, YouTube, and our website www.stlhoustonlive.org. We will continue to host an online Bible class led by the Pastors, but the time will change to 9:30 am.

NOTE: Worship times will return to our original 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:45 Contemporary worship. Both services will be held in the Life Center so that we can maintain the cleanliness of our campus and enable us to live-stream both services.

A Welcome Back video is available to view at this link: <https://vimeo.com/420899407/ff4a1352b1>

The social distancing standards for in-person worship requires us to lower our maximum capacity of worshipers. We will be implementing a reservation procedure to weekly RSVP for which service you plan to attend. To reserve your space, please visit our website, www.stlhouston.org/RSVP every Monday, beginning at 8:00 am. The RSVP will remain open until space is no longer available.

Entering Campus:

- Please park in the main parking lot and enter through the front entrance doors. (The Adult Education, kitchen, and all other doors will remain locked)
- The front doors will be propped open to avoid touching handles. There will be a greeter at the entrance to welcome you and direct you inside.
- We recommend that everyone wear a face mask while in the building. All volunteers will be wearing masks. If you do not have a face mask, we will have them available as you enter.
- There will be two hand sanitizing stations at the entrance for your use.
- While maintaining social distancing, please make your way to the Life Center. We know that many of you have not seen each other in quite a while but we ask that you refrain from standing in groups in the Gathering Area.

Worship:

- The doors to the Life Center will be divided into an “entrance” and “exit.”
- If you need to use the restroom, please enter the Life Center through the entrance and then exit the Life Center to the restrooms so we can maintain the flow of traffic. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the morning and in between services.
- Entering the Life Center, you will be seated by one of our volunteers. The Life Center is set up for “socially-distanced” worship with rows 6 feet apart and volunteers will make sure that there are two chairs between each family.
- Please keep your children with you at all times.
- If you would like to sit with or near extended family, please make sure that your whole party is present as you enter the Life Center. We recommend meeting in the parking lot and entering the facility together so you can be seated together. We ask for your understanding in this process as we make every effort to allow as many people possible to safely worship.

Exiting Campus:

- Once worship is finished, you will be dismissed by section and row from the back to the front. We ask that you only leave when dismissed and promptly exit the building.
- As you leave there will be offering baskets at the back of each aisle to receive your tithes and offerings.

Other Questions and Answers:

Q: Will you be cleaning the campus? Yes. We will be cleaning and disinfecting the campus before, during, and after each worship service. We are taking great efforts to maintain a healthy environment to gather to worship. If you are sick, running a fever, or are part of the group that is at risk for contracting the virus, we encourage you to stay home and worship with us online.

Q: Do you have hand sanitizer readily available? Yes, we will have stations as you enter and dispensers in the restrooms and Life Center.

Q: Will there be donuts and coffee? No, we will not serve coffee or donuts.

Q: Will there be bulletins? No. There will be nothing 'hand-to-hand' such as bulletins, offering baskets, welcome cards, etc.

Q: Will there be communion? At this point there will be no communion.

Q: How will I know the order of service? We will offer a simple bulletin that you can download to your smartphone or access through our new text service. If you want to sign up to receive a texted link for the bulletin send "bulletin" to 1-844-245-1919.

Q: Will we still shake hands during the "Welcome" part of the worship service? No.

Q: Are we required to wear a face mask? No, but we recommend that you do.

Q: How do I participate in Bible Class if I am coming to worship on campus? We will keep the 8 am worship service short enough to allow time for people to get home for Bible Class. We will also end the Bible Class in time for people to arrive on campus for 10:45 worship. The Bible class is also available to watch anytime through Facebook or www.STLHoustonlive.org

We know that this is a lot of information to process. If you have any questions not answered here, you can contact us at Steve@STLHouston.org, Brad@STLHouston.org or Laura@STLHouston.org or call the church office (281-469-2457) weekdays from 9 to 4.