

Valley Vineyard Church

Reaching Up to God and Out to Others....

Valley Vineyard COVID Worship Service Protocol

Worshipping God Is Vitally Important Right Now

- During this difficult time, we need to stay connected to God and to one another. God is our refuge and our strength. Please join us for either our on-line or in-person worship services as we come together with others and experience the Holy Spirit and his life changing love for us.
- There are important benefits from gathering in-person to worship together, and we must acknowledge that during this pandemic gathering in-person remains a higher risk activity.
- Although we can't tell you it is 100% safe to come to an in-person worship service, (as you'll read below), we are taking important steps to minimize the risk to you. We are trying hard to follow medical and governmental guidance. And, even more importantly, we really want to love others (like Jesus would) through the precautions we take when we gather in person to worship.

In-Person Worship Services on Sundays

- Starting in October, Sundays at 9:00 am and 10:45 am will be our in-person worship services.
- We will continue to live stream, on-line worship services Sundays at 9:00 am.
- We will shorten our in-person worship services to about 45 minutes so we can accommodate social distancing measures, shorten exposure, and provide adequate time to clean between services.

If You Are At Higher Risk, If You Are Sick, OR If You Have Been Exposed To COVID-19, DO NOT GO To An In-Person Worship Service:

- If you have an underlying health condition, we strongly encourage you to stay home and participate in our online worship service.
- Before you leave for an in-person worship service, check to see if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. If you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 or any of these symptoms, you should stay home and attend our on-line worship service.
- If you have had exposure to someone with COVID-19, stay home and attend our online worship service for at least 14 days. Medical workers or others that wear the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can still participate with us at our in-person worship services.

Guidelines & Recommendations

- At this time, our occupancy is based on county and state guidelines.
- Bring and wear your own facemask.
- Bring your own Bible or Bible reading device.
- Bring your own beverage, if desired (we can share the love of Jesus, but we can't share food or drink).
- Bring your own sanitizer and disinfectant wipes, if that makes you more comfortable.
- Bring yourself in whatever shape your soul is in and let the Holy Spirit meet you and love you.

When You Arrive (Entering & Exiting)

- Attendees will enter through the main entrance doors, keeping social distancing in mind.
- We will be enjoying no-touch greetings (the more joyful the better).
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter and through the building.
- Once the worship service is finished, greeters will direct attendees to the exit doors.

Masks or Face Coverings

- We will be following state and county guidelines when it comes to masks or face coverings.
- Children under 5 are not required to wear a mask.
- Disposable masks will be available for anyone who does not have one or forgot to bring theirs to service.

Social Distancing

- Everyone should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from people not in the same household at all times.
- Members of the same household should sit together.
- The rows of chairs in the auditorium are at least 6 feet apart. Households need to sit with either an aisle or 3 empty chairs on both their left and right.
- When chairs are used, a designated employee or volunteer will use disinfectant on each chair following the attendees' departure and before the next service begins.

Communion and Offering

- If we do communion, it will only be offered in pre-packaged, individualized cups.
- Offerings will be taken online through our app or website.
- There is a stationary box, along with envelopes, that people can put their offering in if they do not wish to give online.

Ministry Time

- We will still pray for one another, but without “laying on of hands” (touch-free prayer) and the prayer team will be wearing masks.

Restrooms

- Restrooms will be open.
- We encourage everyone to regularly wash and/or sanitize their hands.
- Additionally, between each service all restroom surfaces will be disinfected (including all door handles).

Children’s & Youth Ministry

- We will be offering children’s and youth ministry during this time!
- Activities will also be provided online for children, youth and families.
- Children’s Church will be social distancing. The Children’s area will be disinfected between services.
- A volunteer will be there to check your children in and take temperatures.
- We are asking children to be in children’s church the whole time if possible.
- Youth Group will follow the same guidelines as children's church.

Employees & Volunteers

- This group is also required to wear masks during their time serving. (except while speaking or singing from the stage).

If You Have Questions or Concerns. We’d Love to Talk

- You can call us at 715-861-3523 or send an email to info@cfvalleyvineyard.org
- Really, we’re just asking that we all love each other really well - like Jesus.

Thank you!