

VILLAGE CHURCH OF GURNEE

COVID-19

GUIDELINES



We want to keep you up to speed on what action steps we are taking as we phase into our post-Coronavirus new normal. As Village Church reopens, we encourage each individual and family to re-enter at your own pace. If you do not wish to resume in-person worship at this time, we encourage you to continue participating with us via livestream. We want what's wisest and best for you. Read over these guidelines. If you have questions, contact Dan Null (224-214-1191).

General

- Practice social distancing, at least 6 feet is encouraged.
- Face masks/coverings are encouraged when social distancing cannot happen.
- Hand sanitizers and tissues are available throughout the lobby and church.
- Do not come to church if you are sick or symptomatic (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 degrees or above, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other CDC-identified symptoms).
- Individual ministries/events may have additional guidelines; contact ministry leaders for more information.

Sunday Morning Specifics

- There will be two services: 9am and 10:45am. The Auditorium and Rooms 101, 207, and 208 are set up for social distancing. Chairs should remain where they are. Room 101 will be used as an option for the vulnerable population and face masks/coverings are required.
- Service length will be shorter to allow time for transitioning and cleaning between services.
- There is signage (social distancing guidelines and cleaning protocols) posted throughout the church.
- Coffee Shop and Library are closed. Room 204 and the Prayer Room (Room 202) are closed.
- Only 1-2 people should be waiting in bathrooms. A garbage can is next to the bathroom door so paper towels can be used to open the door and then thrown away as you exit.
- Elevator capacity is two people. Tissue is available in elevator to push buttons.
- Water bottles will be available (located near water fountains).
- There will be no bulletins. Announcements will be available via the weekly email update and on the website.
- Offering plates will not be passed. You can give online (vcgurnee.org/giving) or drop off your offering in the designated box (lobby) or plate (Room 101) as you leave.
- Communion will be distributed in pre-packaged elements and served by volunteers wearing masks and gloves.
- Bibles will still be available, but we encourage everyone to bring their own Bibles.
- Lobby will be cleared (no tables and chairs).
- Other groups will not meet on Sunday mornings.

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When You Enter & Exit

- Everyone should enter and exit through the south main entrance. North entrance should only be used by those who need to use the elevator. Vulnerable population should use the office doors (west of the main entrance).
- Doors will be open so there will be no-touch entry and exit to the building and auditorium.
- Volunteers serving on Sunday morning will wear masks.
- Enter auditorium and sit together as a family. Auditorium will be set up for social distancing.
- Greet with a wave; avoid handshakes and hugs.
- Feel free to connect with friends outdoors; avoid gathering in the lobby before or after the service.
- Keep social distancing in mind as you leave the auditorium and church building.

Disinfecting/Cleaning Procedures

- Cleaning and disinfecting of premises will be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols on a weekly basis.
- Common areas and surfaces which are touched by multiple people will be cleaned frequently.
- High traffic areas will be cleaned between services (door handles, restroom stall handles, hand rails at stairs, etc.).
- Sound techs will retrieve all equipment except personal items. Sanitizing wipes will be provided but mics will be setup on stands so that no touching is necessary by the singer.

Health Monitoring

- Notify Village Church if you contract Covid-19 and recently attended a service. Contact Dan Null (224-214-1191 or dan.null@vcgurnee.org).
- Remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset. You can return to church after being feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours.
- Additional deep cleaning and disinfecting of facility will be performed on appropriate areas.