

## LHC ReGathering Procedures in the Yellow Phase

### **A. Approach to ReGathering:**

1. **Fellowship & Worship:** As followers of Jesus, we prioritize the regular gathering of believers for fellowship, worship, and the Word. We are eager to gather with as many people as possible, as soon as possible, as safely as possible.
2. **Unity & Humility:** There are a wide-range of strongly held convictions about the coronavirus pandemic and how individuals, businesses, governments, and churches should respond. As followers of Jesus, we are called to walk in humility, grace, love, and unity with one another. We seek to outdo one another in showing honor. Consider this wise article: [Church, Don't Let Coronavirus Divide You](#).
3. **Health & Safety:** As Christians, we want to do all that we reasonably can to value and protect the vulnerable in our community. We honor and reflect Jesus when we sacrifice our own needs for the needs of others. We pray for peace and safety in God's world.
4. **Honoring Guidelines:** There is no authority on earth except that which is instituted by God. The elders and deacons seek to honor all [PA Restrictions in the Yellow Phase](#) (mindful of the religious exemption) and the [CDC Guidance for Faith-Based Organizations](#) so long as they do not conflict with our call to faithfulness in the Lord. We pray God would grant wisdom to our leaders.
5. **Community Witness:** We are called to be a light to the world around us, so we want to live and gather in such a way that our attitudes and actions display faith, grace, humility, courage, and love to the world.

### **B. Online Worship Video**

1. **Prerecording on Saturdays:** For the next few weeks, we will continue to record the worship service on Saturdays at 10am and post online for people to worship at home.
2. **Livestreaming on Sunday:** In the near future, we will transition to meeting on Sundays at 10am and offer a livestream video to those at home. We are currently working to finalize this technology. Livestreaming means you will either have to watch the service when it starts (10:05am anyone?), or wait until the service is finished to watch.
3. **Home Gatherings:** Those that are healthy and comfortable can take the opportunity to gather at your homes with small groups of people for fellowship, prayer, and viewing the online worship video together. Review the recommended guidelines, be safe, be responsible, and be encouraged!

## C. Worship Gatherings at the Y

1. **Worship Gatherings:** In the Yellow Phase, we will gather with 50 people at the YMCA for the prerecorded service on Saturdays, then transition to the livestream service on Sundays. The elders and deacons will continue to monitor the government guidelines, the community response, and our church needs and increase the number of people at these gatherings when godly wisdom will allow us.
2. **Online Sign-up:** We'll have an online sign-up sheet for those interested in coming to a Worship Gathering at the Y. As part of your online sign-up, you'll be asked to agree to the protocol laid out here. Those interested in attending will rotate based on the number of people who have signed up.
3. **Children & Families:** Children are welcome to attend worship with their families. We will not offer Children's Classes in the Yellow Phase. The Children's Team will continue to monitor the situation and prepare plans to resume Children's Classes once York County is in the Green Phase. Parents not able to attend with their children can take turns attending.

## D. Facility Sanitation

1. **YMCA Cleaning:** Beginning June 1, the YMCA will be open as a Childcare Facility Monday-Friday. The Y will continue to take care of overall facility cleaning and professional custodial services.
2. **LHC Cleaning:** Each week before we gather, a Hospitality Volunteer will clean all high touch areas (doorknobs, light switches, counters, backs of chairs, bathroom sinks, flush handles, etc.). These areas will be cleaned again during service and after everyone has left the facility.
3. **Infection Response:** Following the [CDC Guidance for Faith-Based Organizations](#), if there is a confirmed COVID case at any Church Gathering, we will:
  - a. Notify local health officials and the YMCA and follow their recommendations about facility closures or limited access.
  - b. Ensure that the facility is thoroughly disinfected in partnership with the YMCA.
  - c. Communicate with the congregation and offer alternative forms of gathering as needed.

## E. Physical Distancing & Personal Sanitation Expectations

1. **Exposure & Discretion:** Consider your personal and family health and use discretion in attending any Church Gathering. Those at high-risk due to age or preexisting conditions should exercise caution. If anyone in your household has a fever, any coronavirus symptoms, or an unprotected exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case, you should not attend any Church Gathering for two weeks. If someone in your household displays symptoms after you have signed up to attend, please notify the church office that you will not be attending.

2. **Physical Distance:** Avoid physical contact and maintain a 6 foot distance from other worshippers. Signs will be posted as reminders. Parents, be responsible to keep your children with you and abiding by these guidelines.
3. **Facility Usage:** All doors will be propped open whenever possible. Do not go in any rooms or touch any surfaces that are not necessary. There will be no info table. Do not use coat hooks in the hallway. The offering box will be available for your donations...thank you!
4. **Hand Washing & Sanitation:** Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building, after using the bathroom, and before leaving. There are multiple hand-sanitizing stations throughout the Y.
5. **Food & Drink:** There will be no coffee or food available. The water fountain will not be accessible. Bring your own water bottle and coffee...and don't forget to take it home!
6. **Separated Chairs:** Rows of chairs will be placed 6 feet apart. Sit in a row separated 6 feet from others or together with those in your household.
7. **Fellowship Time:** Before and after the service, be mindful to maintain a 6 foot distance as you fellowship in the Worship Center, common areas, or outside.
8. **Face Coverings:** In consideration of the [CDC Recommendations for Cloth Face Coverings](#), all those in attendance (except small children) should plan to wear a face covering when physical distancing (6 feet of space) is difficult to maintain (such as hallways, bathrooms, or other common areas away from your seat). Use discretion and consider the needs of others.

## F. Other Ministry Gatherings

1. **Ministry Gatherings:** Opportunities for fellowship and ministry will be available through Life Groups, Youth Group, Men's Ministry, and Women's Ministry in groups of 25. These meetings will be outside whenever possible. Small group gathering can be held in homes at the homeowner's discretion.
2. **Outdoor Communion Services:** We will host monthly outdoor communion services at the YMCA pavilion behind the library. You can sign-up online for a designated time slot to attend a 20 minute worship service of songs, prayers, Scripture, and the Lord's Supper. People will remain standing and maintain physical distancing. Prepackaged communion cups and wafers will be used to increase sanitation and minimize exposure.
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