

Shady Shores Baptist Church Soft Start Protocols Beginning May 10, 2020

It is the Leadership Teams hope and prayer that the COVID crisis will soon be coming to an end. We want to enjoy corporate worship once again while at the same time being safe and considerate of one another. With those goals in mind we will follow the protocols stated below until further notice.

The government's guidelines to the COVID-19 response continue to change daily. The Leadership Team will constantly reevaluate the need for change of these protocols. The Church members will be informed of any changes during online services, E-Mail, and phone, (for those who do not have internet access).

ONLINE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE!

During the COVID-19 Crisis there will not be any child care or children's Church activities.

The day prior to the Church building reopening; the Church building will be sanitized by use of the ozone sanitation process. High traffic areas including the Foyer, Front Bathrooms, Chapel, and Church Office, will have all door handles, counter surfaces, and doorway frames wiped down with a disinfectant prior to any services. They will be wiped down again prior to the last person leaving for the day.

An "Area Closed" sign will be posted on the East foyer door (doors leading out to the fellowship hall), and the foyer hallway, leading to the Sunday school rooms, stating that those areas have not been sanitized by the ozone process.

Persons who are **over 65 and/or have underlying medical issues** are encouraged to stay away from large groups of people which includes Church services.

Persons who **feel ill or have a fever** must stay away from large groups of people which includes Church services.

The building attendance will be kept at approximately 25% capacity. The Chapel can accommodate approximately 120 persons when full. Therefore, we should each be mindful of social distancing practices. Let us work together and watch to keep the number of persons limited to approximately 30.

Prior to allowing persons in the building they will be checked for fever. A person will be assigned to stand at the front door with a no-touch thermometer. The assigned person will wear gloves and mask while checking persons for fever. Any person registering a body temperature above 99.6 degrees (F). will not be allowed to enter.

The times for the traditional and contemporary Church services will be staggered in order to keep the number of persons in the Church building to a minimum. The traditional service will be at **9:00 am** and the Contemporary service will be at **11:00 am**.

All members attending services will wear a face covering while inside the Church building with exception of the pastors while preaching.

All members will adhere to the “6 foot rule” meaning they will make a conscious effort to stay at least 6 feet from other attending members. **This does not apply to those persons who cohabitate with one another.**

When sitting in the Chapel for services, members will sit 3 chair lengths apart from one another. **This does not apply to those persons who cohabitate together.**

We realize that there is a large number of varying opinions on what is safe and appropriate regarding social distancing. Some are against wearing personal protective equipment in public or at meetings while others believe persons should strictly adhere to all guidelines suggested by government officials. I think we can all agree that there is no wrong answer. The choice to follow the guidelines either partially, fully, or not at all, is a personal choice. I would ask all of us to be forbearing of each other and rise above our own preferences in a spirit of love for one another.

Hope to see you at Church!