



NORTHPOINT CHURCH

Sunday Morning

**Return to
Campus
Guidelines**

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With the relaxing of the Stay-at-Home orders, and the reopening of state, county, and city businesses, we are now able to gather again on campus.

We pulled together a team to look at the issues surrounding our return to campus. The **Return To Campus Team** (RTC Team) assisted in thinking through all of the issues related to being back on campus on Sunday and throughout the week. They looked at guidelines from local, county, state, and federal entities. They defined preparation and on-site guidelines for staff and congregants, a timeline for returning, requirements for on-campus cleaning (pre, during, and post events), and soon, the mid-week return guidelines.

We are striving for several goals that frame our return to campus. In no particular order, they include our duties as leaders of the entire church, our duty to follow the guidelines provided by the authorities, our love for those who can, and those who cannot yet return, and our desire to maintain the unity of the body. We look forward to a time when our gathering can glorify God and unite our congregation spiritually, and hopefully in its entirety on campus, when allowed.

What Paul urged the Ephesian church still applies today: *“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Ephesians 4:1–3).

The health of our congregation is paramount in our minds. Please continue to pray for our body and the community. Let us know if you have been impacted either health-wise or financially by these current times. We would love to pray for you and your family and assist as we can.

It is our goal and great desire to do all we can to protect all the people who attend Northpoint with common-sense measures to prevent the spread of all possible illnesses, including the present COVID-19. With compassion and caring for each other, we will continue to observe practices that protect everyone, especially those who are most vulnerable.

The Elders

Return to Campus Date - We will return on June 14

New Service Times

We will be back on campus at Northpoint on Sunday, **June 14**, with three services: **8:00 a.m.**, **9:45 a.m.**, & **11:30 a.m.** Each service will be allowed to have only 100 persons per building, per service. To balance the congregants at each service, we will be using an **online reservation process**. This will ensure we comply with the government guidelines and maximize the use of our space. We will send you an email confirmation of your reservation. To help us seat you quickly on Sunday morning, please, if you can, bring the emailed confirmation with you. If you are not able to print the confirmation, or you are not able to show it on your phone, do not worry, as we will have a list of those who made reservations.

Will be live-streaming the 9:45 a.m. service—no reservations required!—just go online to Facebook or YouTube.

Before You Return

Before reserving your spot for any of the services, and before attending, please ask yourself and consider:

1. Do you have a temperature of 100.4°F or higher?
2. Do you have any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, a new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, a new onset of nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting?
3. Have you had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

If the answer to any of these questions is Yes, we ask that you not attend in person, and we encourage you to join us online for our live-streaming service at 9:45 a.m.

If you are 65 or older, or have underlying conditions as defined by the CDC, we encourage you to not attend in person at this time.

When you are on campus, you will see COVID-19 Self-screening placards. We encourage you to self-screen at home prior to coming or when you are on campus. If you exhibit symptoms, please do not enter the Worship Center.

The Worship Center will be open for Sunday Services starting **June 14**.

General On-Campus Guidelines

- We are asking everyone to wear a mask/face covering (with the exception of small children under 2 years old).
- We also ask that everyone observe the six-foot social distancing standard.

Face coverings are required. We ask that you bring your own and wear it on campus at all times. Children can attend, but should also wear a mask at all times. Children under 2 years old should not wear masks/face coverings. Those who have serious difficulty breathing should not wear a mask.

- Social distancing will be observed.
 - Please stay six feet away from others who are not part of your family or residing together.
 - Sorry, no hugs or handshakes, please.
- The Playground and Patio will be closed.
 - Parents should keep their children in their care for the entire time.

Children/Nursery, Youth Ministry, and Adult Sunday School classes will be closed. Until further notice, all children (infants through 6th grade), junior high school, and high school students will worship with their parents in the Worship Center.

- Heritage Hall and all other buildings will be closed.
- The Patio will be closed.
 - Snacks/coffee will not be available.
 - Please bring water bottles as you desire.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off.
 - Please bring bottled water.
- Restrooms Outside of the Worship Center
 - Breezeway restrooms will be open to use as you exit.
 - We encourage you to use the restroom prior to leaving home.
- Hand sanitizer will be available, but we encourage you to bring your own also.
 - Please use it often while on campus.
- Parking.
 - No adjustments will be made; park wherever you desire.
 - Handicap parking will be available as usual.

Worship Center Access and the Worship Service

- Before the service
 - Please stay outside, with face covering on while practicing proper social distancing until the Ushers allow you to enter.
 - Enter through Foyer front doors and Foyer side doors.
 - Please do not stop or congregate in the Foyer or the exits.

- Every third row will be available for seating; we will use a separate row for each of the three services. This helps space things out and reduces cleaning time between services.
- You may not be able to sit in your usual spot.
- Wheelchair space will be at the back of the Worship Center.
- Please feel free to seat yourselves with social distancing in mind.
- Family groups can all sit together in the same row as needed.
- Please allow 6 feet between seated individuals or groups.
- Ushers will be available to help with seating as needed.
- The Medical Response Team will also be available.

- The Cry Room/Family Room will be closed.
- The Prayer Room will also be closed.
- The Information Center will not be attended.
 - The handouts usually found there will not be available.
- Handouts
 - There will be no handouts, bulletins, resource folders, or song sheets.
 - We will be totally digital. Typical paper handouts will be available via smartphone on the Northpoint website or the Northpoint Bible App.
 - You can also download and print the handouts prior to coming to church.
- Offering
 - We encourage online donations via credit card on our website.
 - There will be no passing of offering bags.
 - An offering deposit station will be in the Foyer before the service starts.
 - We encourage no cash offerings. Please donate online or via check.
- Prayer, Response, and Visitor Cards will be encouraged via online completion.
- Restrooms in the Worship Center
 - Worship Center restrooms will be available before and during services.
 - We encourage you to use the restroom prior to leaving home.

After the Service

- After the service ends.
 - Exiting will be done via the side doors off the Worship Center—not through the Foyer.
 - Please exit promptly out the side doors in an orderly manner while maintaining social distancing.
 - Please do not linger (we have to sanitize after the service).
 - Social distancing will be observed. Please stay six feet away from others who are not part of your family or residing together. Sorry, no hugs or handshakes, please.
 - We encourage all to return home expeditiously to make room for those who are coming onto the church grounds.
 - Social lingering should be reduced. Please move outside and then off campus.
 - The Worship Center will be cleared at the end of each service and will remain closed until 10 minutes before the beginning of the next service.

Signs will be posted around campus as reminders.

We are thankful for the efforts of the RTC Team and the plans they have developed. We strive for common-sense measures to prevent the spread of all possible illnesses, including the present COVID-19.

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