

# Updated Guide for Attending Services

*effective September 6, 2020*

It has been SO GOOD to be together for church, hasn't it? Psalm 122:1 is as true today as it was on May 17: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"

As you know, things have continued to change concerning the virus since we began gathering again. We want to update you all on how we are continuing to do our best to follow the applicable guidelines and recommendations that create a safe environment and honor the governing authorities. In light of the new orders from the Governor, we have updated our guide to attending church at DBC. Two ideas have shaped the Elders' decisions:

1. Our biblical mandate to "Love your neighbor" (Mk 12:31; Jn 15:12-13; 1 Cor 10:24; Gal 6:10; Phil 2:3; 1 Jn 4:21)
2. Our care for our congregants in at-risk populations of all kinds.

Revised Guidelines are:

- We encourage congregants to wear a mask while entering and exiting the building, moving about the foyer, and until you are seated for worship.
- Staff and volunteers who are serving are also encouraged to wear a mask while entering and exiting the building, moving about the foyer, and until seated for worship or leading the worship service.
- Also, we want to make you aware that the 11:00 o'clock service may be delayed while we disinfect.
- When the sanctuary doors are closed, we ask that you wait in the foyer while we disinfect, and disinfectants are given the opportunity to dry. We ask greeters to leave the doors closed until the "all clear" is given. This is out of an abundance of caution and concern for all those in attendance.
- As you are dismissed at the end of the first service, please exit the building for fellowship so that we can disinfect the sanctuary and all frequently touched places before the next service.
- During the week, all visitors to the church will be asked to wear a mask when entering the church office and to keep it on if you're unable to socially distance yourself with the person you are meeting.

We will continue to do the following:

- The sanctuary and all frequently touched places will be sanitized between services.
- To practice social distancing, we will keep three seats empty between each family unit and skip every other row. This may mean that "your seat" is not available. Please remember to be considerate and flexible to ensure that everybody feels comfortable.
- Once the Sanctuary is full, overflow seating will be available in the Chapel.
- Please try not to get up during the service to avoid scooting out in front of those around you.
- We encourage you to maintain good social distance, practice good hygiene by using your elbow to cover your cough, do not touch your face, and wash your hands frequently.
- Starting Point will be open before and after the services to welcome visitors, answer questions, and provide ministry information.
- Hearing and interpretation devices will be available at the Media Ministry window.
- Children's Ministry, Student Ministries, SBF, and other studies have resumed under similar health guidelines as exercised in the church services.
- The ministry kiosks in the foyer will be open but again, we ask that you practice distancing and encourage mask wearing when interacting within six feet of others.
- Water fountains, family restrooms, the First Cup, coffee service, and peppermints will be unavailable.
- If you are 65 or above, have an underlying at-risk health condition, are sick, or do not feel comfortable attending in person, we encourage you join us via our livestream at 9:00 on our website ([www.dentonbible.org](http://www.dentonbible.org)), Facebook Live, or the BoxCast app on AppleTV / Roku / FireTV.

Thank you so much for your flexibility as we all adapt to these weird times. If you have any questions please contact us at [churchlife@dentonbible.org](mailto:churchlife@dentonbible.org).