

GRACE | NORWALK

As we prepare and plan to regather back on the campus of Grace Norwalk, we want each person to be clear of what they can expect when coming back onto campus for our weekly worship service:

1. Deciding to Come to Church

- a) We know there are various situations that may keep you from physically coming to our weekly worship service such as underlying health conditions of you or a member of your household, general sickness, or COVID19 symptoms. If you find yourself in one of these categories, do not feel bad not coming to church this week. Join us instead on YouTube on our livestream service. We love you and fully support your decision to stay home until you feel like you can come.
- b) Please stay home if:
 - You or another member of your household are sick / showing symptoms of being sick.
 - You or another member of your household are showing COVID-like symptoms such as: a frequent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell.
 - You or another member of your household have been diagnosed with COVID19 and have not been cleared by a doctor.
 - You or another member of your household have been exposed to COVID19 in a workplace, school environment, or other shared facility.

2. Worship Services

- Beginning June 21st, we will start in-person services on the Grace Norwalk Campus in an outdoor setting.
- We will continue meeting outdoors in the church courtyard between the two wings of classrooms through July 5th
- We will be changing the start time of our services while meeting outdoors to **10AM**, to avoid being outdoors in the heat of the day
- We encourage you to bring your own lawn/beach chair with you for our outdoor services. We will also have a limited number of padded chairs available for those who do not bring their own.
- We are currently planning to begin meeting indoors, on Sunday, July 12th at 10:45am.

3. Considerations for Families

- Nursery and Children's Classes will NOT be available during the worship service while we are meeting outdoors. Parents will be responsible for all children in their household.
- The Nursery will however remain unlocked and available for parents who need a space to change their child's diaper, for feeding or for children who may be crying during the service. However, the nursery will not be staffed with volunteers through July 5th.



4. Face Coverings

- Based on CDC recommendations, we highly encourage individuals to wear a face mask when walking to and from your car to the church courtyard. At your discretion, you may choose to remove your face masks once seated in the church courtyard.
 - ****Babies and children under the age of two (2) should not wear face coverings, in accordance with CDC guidelines.**
 - ****Individuals with serious respiratory or pulmonary issues who would be inhibited by wearing a face mask are not expected to wear them.**
- Grace Norwalk Volunteers/Greeters will be wearing face masks, for your protection.

5. Hand Washing & Sanitizing

- Hand washing stations will be available in the restrooms and we highly recommend that you wash your hands properly throughout the time on campus.
- Hand Sanitizing Stations will be set up near the entrance to the church courtyard.
- Please do your best to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth throughout the morning.

6. Health Check

- We will NOT be individually checking a person's health or temperature when they come to worship. However, we do recommend that you do self-screening / temperature checks at home before coming.
- If you or a member of your household is experiencing any symptoms of COVID19 such as fever, chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat or loss of smell or taste, please stay home and join us on our livestream on YouTube.

7. Physical Distancing

- Plan to practice physical distancing (6 feet apart) with anyone not a member of your direct household. Parents, please assist your kids with this.
- Though there are many restrictions in place, we encourage you not to be impersonal. You can still greet, encourage, pray for, and speak to one another while maintaining 6 feet of distance.

8. Other

- **Bulletins:** A link to an electronic bulletin will be sent out on Saturday prior to the Sunday worship service. A limited number of physical bulletins will be available at the entrance to the Church Courtyard.
- **Bibles:** A limited number of new bibles will be available for those who need them at the entrance to the Church Courtyard. If you take one, you may keep it and take it home with you
- **Offering:** While we are meeting outdoors, we will not be passing an offering plate around. You can drop off your offering with a Greeter/Usher at the entrance to the Church Courtyard prior to the service.
- **Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study** will begin meeting on campus in The Fellowship Hall beginning June 24th at 6:30pm.
- **Woman of Grace** will begin meeting on campus again on June 23rd at 6:00pm in their normal classroom.

