



Living Word SDA Church

COVID-19

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH RE-GATHERING

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Introduction

Christians embrace worship as an essential part of their life. For us Seventh-day Adventists, gathering together for worship is at the heart of what it means to be a community of faith.

As we resume in-person worship services, we understand that gatherings present a risk for increasing spread of COVID-19. Therefore, we want to provide important guidelines about church board approved safety protocols as well as important information about the new format of our services. We remain committed to providing a healthy and safe worship experience for members and guests while following Anne Arundel County and Maryland State guidelines.

This document aims to inform Living Word church members and guests about expected actions on their part if they decide to resume in-person worship. It is strongly expected that every individual who chooses to worship in our buildings will strictly abide by the guidelines presented in this document.

General Guidelines

- If you are at high risk or belong to the vulnerable group we encourage you to **stay home and worship online.**
- If you are presenting any COVID-19 symptoms or believe you may become sick **stay home and worship online.**
- If you have traveled or come in contact with someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 **stay home and worship online.**

Protect Yourself and Others



WASHING HANDS

Wash hands with Soap and Water for 20 seconds



HAND SANITIZER

Carry a small bottle with you at all times



MASK

Masks required for everyone while inside the building



FEVER

Check your temperature before leaving the house. If it's 100F or over stay home



COUGH & SNEEZE

If you're coughing or sneezing stay home



GREETING

Avoid close contact. No handshakes, no hugs, no kisses

****Masks and hand sanitizers available for guests****

Worship Service

1

CHILDREN 'S STORY

There will be no children's story nor children's offering collection.

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OFFERING

No collection in the pews. Tithes and offerings may be deposited in a box on the back wall.

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PREACHING

The preaching and entire service will live stream on Facebook each week.

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MUSIC

There will be no congregational singing

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PRAYER

Prayer request cards may be deposited in the prayer chest located in the back of the church.

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SABBATH SCHOOL

There will be no Sabbath School for adults and children.

General Guidelines

Social Distancing

- Please stay 6 ft apart from other people.
- No physical contact of any kind.

Doors

- A deacon will open the door for you when you enter the church.
- No exit through the back door, only front doors and sanctuary doors will be available for exiting the building.

Bathrooms

- One person at a time.
- Periodical cleaning will be done after use.

Water

- The water dispenser will not be available. Bring your own water bottle from home.

General Guidelines

Seating

- Seats will be marked off. Every other pew will be blocked to allow for social distancing.

Classrooms and Nursery

- All classrooms and nursery will be closed during service. A changing station will be available for mothers with infants.

Materials

- No bulletins will be distributed. Stay informed by subscribing to the church newsletter.
- Church Bibles and hymnals will not be available.
- Tithe envelopes and prayer cards will be available in the foyer.

Dismissal

- Dismissal will be organized by pews and coordinated by a deacon.
- Please exit the building promptly after dismissal. Do not congregate/fellowship in the common areas.

General Guidelines

Potlucks

- There will not be fellowship lunches for the time being.



**These guidelines will be revised periodically.
Changes will be communicated promptly.**

Opening Day

JUNE 20

Our seating capacity will be 60 people

If you plan to attend the service in person please sign up in advance

Go to the church website to RSVP

www.glenburniechurch.org

“For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.”

Mathew 18:20