

FBC FAMILY COVID POLICY

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Introduction:

We the Elders of FBC are seeking to find unity in our church family and among our guests! Our church is a collection of different parts with many different perspectives; we seek to honor each part together under the banner of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 12:12-31). We appreciate the sensitive nature of the issues surrounding COVID and the varying responses. These are confusing and divisive times and we are thankful for the patience and kindness of the Lord's people at FBC. Let us seek peace together (Ephesians 4:1-8).

With prayer, study, and dialog, we believe the course we are charting allows us to honor one another as we come together to worship and make ministry progress during a time of high medical concern and uneasiness. We urge each of you to follow this policy out of consideration for one another. The situation will be reviewed weekly, given the regular changes in the guidelines, and any change will be announced.

Building and Worship Service rules:

- If you have any symptoms of upper airway infection or you suspect you have come in close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 10 days please stay home and join the service via our live-stream! Let us know how we can pray and help.
- To comply with state regulations, we are requiring all attendees on Sunday and staff or visitors during the week to wear a mask when in the building , except for;
 - children under 5 years old
 - people with either a disability or medical condition which prevents them from wearing a mask
 - speaking or playing an instrument when on stage (please wear a mask to and from the stage)
 - church staff members when she/he is at a workstation which is at least 6 feet isolated from others
 - church staff members and volunteers while seated in scheduled meetings with pre-set seating at least 12 feet apart. They may remove their masks to speak and listen as long as they remain seated. All meetings should provide attendees with a remote option.
 - Masks are required when passing items between themselves
 - Masks are required when leaving one's seat for any reason
 - Room limits must be adhered to for determining the size of the meeting
 - Individual case by case exceptions allowed by the State of Oregon
- Masks are not required for outdoor meetings when a 6 foot distance is observed between people
- Leave a 6 foot distance between family groups, for the time being, please refrain from physical contact with those outside your family unit
- These building policies are in-line with the State of Oregon decrees found here, <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>

Room Limits:

Room	Room limit
Sanctuary	144
Balcony	43
Gym	84
Fellowship hall	68
Fireside	27
Choir	12
Conference	10
Kid church room	21
Pre-school	20
Upper youth room	19
Lower youth room	19
Library	17
Beginner	18
Kindergarten	14
Basement left	9
Basement right	9
Fireside kitchen	9

External Groups:

- No new external group events in the church building while in extreme risk level
- External groups must abide by all current building use policies and users approval process

Food Service: in-building food service is suspended while Benton County is in extreme risk level

- General Guidelines:
 - Consider outdoor gatherings whenever possible. If meeting indoors, increase air flow as much as possible by opening windows, doors, and utilize fans (to introduce fresh air into the room but not recirculating existing air).
 - Face coverings are required at all times unless eating/drinking.
 - Disinfect all surfaces before and after gathering.
- Food Service Guidelines:
 - Face covering & gloves to be used at all times (cooking, plating, serving, clean-up).
 - In Fellowship Hall, 10 tables with 6 feet of distance on all sides between each table.
 - Alternative: set up tables in Gym to allow for additional tables and space between tables.
 - Limit seating to a maximum of 6 at each table, honoring 6 foot distancing.

- Do not combine those who have not chosen to sit together.
- If pre-setting tables
 - Cutlery should be wrapped
 - Glasses/Coffee cups should be placed upside down and filled by servers when folks are ready for the drink. Another option would be to pre-pour drinks if using cups with lids.
 - Condiments should be in single serve containers. Individual containers with lids for salad dressings.
- If not pre-setting tables, cutlery, glasses, condiments should be stored by the serving window and placed at the table when the meal is served.
- Servers will be assigned at each table. The server will be responsible for bringing food & drink to each individual at their table and for removing dishes from the table at the end of the meal. Server is required to wear face covering & gloves when bringing plates/drinks to table.
- Note: Those with medical conditions are exempt from face covering requirements mentioned above.