

# LifeSpring Church Reopening Information

The pastors and the church board believe that we can operate in our buildings safely and responsibly—following guidelines and social distancing procedures. Here are some basics before you read the FAQ's which follow:

## QUICK FACTS:

- Services will last about an hour to provide time for sanitizing.
- Only the main lobby on the west side of our campus will be used. Other doors will remain locked. Lobby doors will be propped open. You may park in any lot, however, please respect handicapped and guest designated parking spots.
- Masks will not be mandatory, however they are suggested. Those who desire to sing along with the songs are encouraged to wear masks. **The north section of the Worship Center is reserved as an option for those who wear masks for the entire service. It is a “mask required” section.**
- Now, the “No’s:” No coffee service. No drinking fountains. No passing the offering plate. No handshakes or hugs. Communion will only be by individual, pre-packaged kits. No one should attend who is: sick, has a fever or symptoms, has active coughing, is immune-compromised, or is elderly and vulnerable. Instead, join us online at 9:30 or 11 am for the same sermon and music.
- Please read the FAQ's below for more details including our sanitation procedures.
- We look forward to seeing you in person or online! Nothing can stop the Church!

## IN-PERSON FAQ's:

Q: Will I be required to wear a mask?

A: Masks are not required but strongly encouraged as per local and federal health recommendations for any public gathering and out of consideration for other worshippers' health. We do strongly suggest that those who intend to sing along with the worship songs wear masks, since singing is considered a “super-spreader” activity.

Q: Will hand sanitizer be easily accessible?

A: Yes. Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the traffic flow areas.

Q. Will the main lobby restrooms be available?

A. Yes, they will be sterilized before and between services.

Q. Will the coffee service and drinking fountains be available?

A. No, not at this time.

Q: Will you have masks available if I forget mine?

A: Yes, masks will be available.

Q: When and how will the facility be sanitized?

A: The Worship Center, Chapel, and rooms used on Sundays will be sanitized before and after services. Volunteers will use a professional, commercial grade disinfectant to clean the area. In addition, a member of LSC who is a professional toxic mitigation expert will fog the worship center and seats, as well as run an air-purifying machine before and after services.

Q: I am not sure what to do. I am not comfortable being with a crowd yet, but I don't want to let the church down.

A: If you are not comfortable being in crowds, please stay home and worship with us online! Continue to pray, give, serve, and connect with us. If you are looking for ways to connect with others, please contact us at [connect@lifespringchurch.com](mailto:connect@lifespringchurch.com).

Q: How do I stay informed about developments?

A: If you do not receive our monthly e-newsletter, The Watermark, or periodic email updates, request to do so at [mail@lifespringchurch.com](mailto:mail@lifespringchurch.com). Join our LSC Facebook group. Follow us and make comments. Visit our website regularly.

Q: How can I help?

A: You can volunteer to be on the greeting team or sanitizing team. You can volunteer to be trained to serve in our tech booth. We need help in our Real Life Kids ministry at both hours. We need people to monitor our Sunday online services with their laptops and answer prayer requests and join the chat. Through all of this, we will continue to love each other, be sensitive to each other's needs, and be the church on mission!

## **REAL LIFE KIDS REOPENING UPDATE:**

### **Sundays @ 9:30 ONLY**

**Through January 31 At least**

#### **Preschool**

- Open for 2 year olds – Pre-K (Babies & toddlers will be added each week as we can meet the leader/child ratio)
- Pre-registration is requested but not required (helps us make sure we have enough volunteers to maintain required ratios) Register with names and ages to [reallifekids@lifespringchurch.com](mailto:reallifekids@lifespringchurch.com)

- Masks will not be required for this age group, however ALL leaders will be wearing masks
- Only individually packaged snacks will be served, if offered

### **Elementary**

- K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be dropped off and picked up at the Chapel (no snacks will be served)
- Sixth Grade will meet in Rooms O & P (pre-packaged snacks may or may not be served)
- Masks will be required for all students\*\*(see note in Your Preparation section) & volunteers/leaders
- Registration is not necessary
- Social distancing will be practiced; children from the same family will sit together
- One “RLK” FREE mask will be given to each child

### **Our Preparation**

- Cleaning classrooms and areas
- Slimming down toys, etc. in classrooms
- Removing items that were in excess or inappropriate for this time
- Observing & studying what others are doing (schools, churches, etc.)
- Praying
- Watching CDC guidelines & communicating as a staff
- Enlisting leaders who are willing and able
- Communicating through email and social media
- Planning curriculum for online and in person

### **Your Preparation**

- Pray
- Talk to your child about the plan and expectations
- Pre-register 2-4 year olds by emailing names and ages to [reallifekids@lifespringchurch.com](mailto:reallifekids@lifespringchurch.com)
- Place all diapers, sippy cups, change of clothes, etc. in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child’s name and instructions
- Bring a mask for yourself for check-in, drop-off, and pick-up. Anyone 5 yrs. & older will be required to wear a mask in the children’s areas
- Refrain from bringing any toys, phones, or personal items from home
- Read emails with information about changes/plans/expectations
- \*\*Call us in advance if you have a special needs child & mask limitations; we will do our best to devise a plan that works for all
- Follow the guidelines set in place by the church for “Love of God” and “Love of Each Other”
- Bring your patience, grace, and joy

### **Upon Arrival**

- Enter through the Main Lobby Doors ONLY (West side of building)

- Take your child to the restroom before dropping off
- Go to one of the three “assisted” Check-In Stations (Hut, Dock, Kiosk 2) for check-in and stickers. Bring your patience if there is a bit of a wait time
- Use the hand sanitizer located at each classroom entrance prior to going inside
- To allow for distancing and less traffic, **ONLY ONE** parent should drop off and pick up. Please **NO** siblings. Please pick up Preschoolers first if you have a child in each department
- Please pick up children as soon as possible after the end of service to allow for cleaning prior to the next service

#### **What you can expect when you come**

- Teachers/Leaders/Greeters will be wearing masks
- Teachers/Leaders/Greeters will wash their hands as they arrive, as needed, and in between services
- Cleaning will be done prior to and in between the services
- Social distancing will be encouraged as much as possible (with kids and their understanding and ability). We will give reminders
- Preschoolers will be placed by age, number of children registered, and available teachers. We will use the four rooms at the end of the hall. We will do our best to accommodate all that come, however we will maintain ratios, spacing, etc. for safety and comfort
- There will be no shared supplies. Each child will be provided personal supplies for projects/activities. Supplies will be sanitized before another child uses them. In many cases, we will provide a bag of supplies with the child’s name for their use each week
- If a child has difficulty with the challenging concept of social distancing and does not follow direction given by the teachers/leaders/greeters we will have a RLK Staff member remove them and attempt to explain and redirect. If for some reason a child cannot comply with the direction and guidelines set out for the group, we will contact the parent for pick up

#### **Please STAY AT HOME and do not enter the building if...**

- You or your child have a fever of 100 degrees or higher
- You or your child have any respiratory infections, or have had a cough, sneezing regularly, had shortness of breath, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- In the previous 14 days, you or your child have had any contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19, is under testing for Covid-19, or is experiencing a respiratory illness
- You or your child have an unidentified rash
- You or your child have an eye infection