

Dear Indian Lake Family in Christ!

We are so excited to have the opportunity to reassemble as a body starting this Sunday May 31!! We are grateful and thankful that Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker listened to the voice of the people and included churches in phase one of the Massachusetts reopening plan. We also want to inform you that there have been some guidelines and safety protocol for places of worship released by the State of Massachusetts and the Department of Public Health that Indian Lake Church will be following when we assemble. We understand these guidelines will be re-assessed as the Massachusetts reopening phases continue and ask for your grace and patience in this challenging time.

Therefore, in accordance with the State of Massachusetts the following guidelines will be placed in effect at Indian Lake Church as we reassemble as a body starting on Sunday May 31st:

Social Distancing:

1. We will limit the occupancy of the building to ensure we comply with the MA Safety Standards.
2. We will have the seating arranged to help implement the 6 ft distance rule.
3. If the main sanctuary reaches capacity, we will have an outside overflow area on the deck set up with appropriate distancing with a large screen television to view the livestream service.
4. All attendees must wear a face mask or covering in accordance to COVID-19 Order Number 31 and the MA Department of Public Health Guidance while entering and exiting the building and within 6 feet of another person, except where a person is unable to wear a face mask or covering due to a medical or disabling condition. Children under the age of 5 are not required to wear a mask. **Parents are asked to use discretion.**
5. Hospitality Greeters will have a face mask or covering when they are interacting or directing people within 6 feet where possible.
6. We will have doors labeled for entrance and exiting and they will remain open for fresh air flow, weather permitting.
7. Children will remain with their families in the sanctuary during service at this time. **(temporarily no children's church or nursery.)**
8. **There is no food or beverage before or after service at this time.**

Hygiene Protocols:

1. Indian Lake Church was thoroughly sanitized and disinfected before service.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available in the sanctuary.
3. Bathrooms should be limited in use and we ask that after a person uses the bathroom, they wipe down the high touch contact areas with the provided disinfectant wipes after each usage (including and especially doorknobs).

4. **If you are not feeling well**, and particularly if you have symptoms like fever, dry cough, loss of taste and smell, or gastrointestinal issues consistent with COVID-19, **please contact an elder in the church** as we would love to pray for you. We also ask that you **stay home from Celebration Service** and seek medical attention and not return to Celebration Service until you are cleared to do so.
5. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, we ask that you inform a member of the church elder team immediately, not only so we can pray for you but also take the appropriate next steps to protect the family at Indian Lake Church.

Staffing & Operations:

1. **We are asking everyone to enter through the ramp entrance and exit through the deck.**
2. Tithes & offerings will be encouraged to be given online or mail in. We will not pass the offering basket but will have one stationed in a safe place for contact-less giving.
3. Some people may be more comfortable with hugging or personal contact than others. **Always ask a person if they are okay with hugging first.**
4. Prayer ministry will be available following the same parameters of COVID-19 Order Number 31. We will not stop praying for those who desire prayer, but the prayer team and the person receiving prayer should wear a face mask or covering if they are within six feet and the prayer team member should ask the person receiving prayer if they are comfortable with the laying on of hands before doing so.

It is important to remember that these measures are temporary and will not last forever.

We pray that you recognize the importance of gathering together again in a safe and clean environment that is in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Safety Standards for Places of Worship during Phase One of the reopening. We will be continuing to livestream our Sunday Celebration service. If you do not feel as though you can respectfully comply with these guidelines, we invite you to continue view the service on the livestream. We ask that grace be extended to everyone and remember that there are multiple viewpoints are perspectives regarding these regulations, and remember that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, united in the Father, and called to walk in love towards one another. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Love,

Pastors Teresa & Lee

and

The leadership team @ Indian Lake Church