



## HEADWATERS *Church*

# Social Distancing Guidelines

### When to Stay Home

Choosing when to resume attending in person is a decision that each person/family must make for themselves.

If you believe, due to age or overall state of health that COVID-19 presents a particularly grave risk to you or anyone in your family, or if you are simply not comfortable attending in person for any reason regardless of the precautions we're taking, please stay home and worship with us via [YouTube](#)

Also, if you have reason to believe that you or anyone coming to church with you has been directly exposed to the COVID-19 virus in the past two weeks, or have/has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 or other flu-like symptoms, please do not come to church. Rather, worship with us via [YouTube](#).

### Young Children

If you have young children (birth to age 5), **we ask that you take each child's temperature** shortly before leaving for church to confirm they do not have a fever. If your child's temperature is 100.4°F or higher, you should not bring that child to church.

Upon arrival at the **Children's Check-in desk**, you will be asked to confirm that any child you are admitting to class does not have a fever, cold, or flu-like symptoms.

If you have not taken your child's temperature, a Children's Ministry worker will use a touchless digital thermometer to verify that your child's temperature is below 100.4°F.

### Social Distancing

We will all respect each other's tolerance for proximity to one another, and default to **generally maintaining 6 feet** of distance..

Despite our best intentions, we all need to understand that as we pass by one another in **smaller spaces** such as near doorways, in restrooms, etc., we will momentarily come within six feet of each other.

If you believe this presents an uncomfortable/unacceptable risk to you and/or your family, please know that we understand that you may want to continue to stay at home and worship with us remotely. (But we hope you will be able to join us soon!)

**In the sanctuary**, family/household groups should leave three empty chairs (or an aisle) between other groups. Every other row of seating will be closed for a given service and reserved for use by the next service.

We will dismiss attendees from the sanctuary by section to reduce crowding in doorways and hallways.

While we will not require attendees/volunteers to wear **face masks** or other personal protection equipment, we welcome all who choose to do so.

We will forgo greeting by **shaking hands**.

We will have **congregational singing**,

**Drinking fountains** will be closed. Please feel free to bring a water bottle from home.

The **Coffee Shop** will remain closed.

**Hand sanitizer** will be available throughout the building.

**We will not hand out a bulletin or print communication.** The newsletter will continue to be available by Saturday at 7pm on our website. There you can also find the **sermon notes**, which can be printed out at home and brought with you.

## Cleaning/Disinfecting

**Restrooms** will be serviced and (fixtures, counters, etc.) treated with disinfectant between each service.

**Chairs** will be treated with disinfectant each week

**Children's toys** will be washed and/or treated with a disinfectant after use by each group of children.

Other **high-contact items** will be washed and/or treated with a disinfectant at least each week.

## Collection of Offerings

We strongly encourage the use of our **Church Center App** for online giving. It greatly reduces manual counting required by the Deacons. If the ACH option is chosen, the transaction fee is very minimal (\$0.25).

We will not pass **offering plates** to collect offerings brought to church. Rather, offerings may be dropped in the offering boxes mounted near the doors at the rear of the sanctuary at both sites.

## Communion

When we next have communion, we will make **packaged elements** available for pick up in the foyers prior to the service.

## Communication

We encourage you to make our website your primary means of communicating any needs and requests with us.

An **online Communication Card** is easily filled out on our website under the Resources tab on our homepage.

**Paper Communication Cards** will also be available on the seat in front of each row. You may complete a cards and place them in the basket in the rear of the sanctuary.

Any future changes will be communicated on our **website** and in our weekly **newsletter**. Check these each week to keep up to date on Headwater's ministry news. ■