

COVID-19 AND REOPENING THE CHURCH



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LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

QUESTIONS IN FOUR CATEGORIES:

1. Worship
2. Cleaning
3. Groups
4. Miscellaneous



WORSHIP



QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP:

1. Entry/Exit
2. Doors/greeters
3. Additional services/limits on # of people/overflow option?
4. Pew/row closures
5. Singing/masks
6. Ordinances (baptism/Lord's Supper)
7. Meet & greet time
8. Invitation
9. Offering
10. Kids' worship



CLEANING

QUESTIONS ABOUT CLEANING:

1. How will you clean before reopening?
2. How will you clean in real-time?
3. Does your custodial person/team know how to deep clean?
4. How are you going to train your preschool/kids teachers to clean?
5. How will you communicate your plan to the church?
6. Professional cleaning (ongoing)



GROUPS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GROUPS:

1. Will groups restart when worship restarts?
2. How will you accommodate physical distancing in rooms?
3. Will you add new hours of Bible study so people can spread out?
4. How will you replace older volunteers who work with preschoolers or kids?
5. Will your classrooms become Zoom rooms?



MISCELLANEOUS

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS:

1. Coffee stations
2. “Distance police”
3. Groups that use your facilities (weddings/meetings/other congregations)
4. How will you provide for the spiritual and social needs of seniors who choose not to come back quickly, but have limited or no access to technology?
5. What is your plan if there is a flareup of COVID 19 and we get shut down again?

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS:

6. How will you assimilate people who are participating online?
7. What does the Invitation look like for people who are watching online and are not in your on-campus service?
8. How will you count virtual attendance in groups? Online worship?
9. Curriculum: print or digital (or both?)
10. What is God doing in the midst of this?

SPANISH FLU
(1917-1918) WAS
DEVASTATING.
TWO POSITIVE
THINGS
HAPPENED IN ITS
WAKE...



ACCORDING TO SBC ANNUAL MEETING RECORDS FROM 1918...



Renewed need/interest in
training



Groups/churches grew

