

Phase 5 – Arapahoe County All Clear

Indoor Worship and Small Group Gatherings

These guidelines go into effect for Community of Grace as of May 17, 2021.

The elders' goals are to remain focused on the mission and vision of Community of Grace by Loving God, Loving Others; being the best church for our community; and aligning with the vision team to enhance individual and corporate prayer. This following plan is our best understanding to-date (May 17, 2021) and could be adjusted when circumstances and guidelines change. Thank you for understanding.

Arapahoe County has gone to an “All Clear” status as of May 16, 2021. This level takes into consideration guidance provided by the CDC as well as Governor Polis. We used these guidelines with the creation of the following directives.

- Worship in-person at the Community of Grace buildings
 - We will hold services at 10:00 am.
 - Seating distancing will not be restricted in the majority of the sanctuary. Out of concern for those who still wish to social distance, we will leave signage up in the north seating section asking family groups to leave a three chair spacing.
 - If you have been vaccinated, wearing a mask is optional. If you have not been vaccinated, you are encouraged to wear a mask. It is up to the individual to make the decision to wear or not wear a mask.
 - Social distancing is no longer required. We do ask you to be aware of those wearing masks who may wish to maintain the 6' social distancing.
 - We have opted to not screen or ask about symptoms; we are putting confidence in our congregation they will do the right thing to self-monitor symptoms.
 - Anyone with fever (greater than or equal to 100°), cough, shortness of breath, congested/runny nose, head or body aches, fatigue, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste/smell—even if symptoms are thought to be allergies—should not attend gathering in person.
 - If you have come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID or has been experiencing symptoms should remain at home generally for at least 10 days after symptom onset. *This does not apply if you have been vaccinated or have had COVID in the past 3 months.*
 - We will continue to stream our 10:00 am service for those not comfortable attending in person.
 - Children's church will be held during the 10:00 am service. We will continue to use a registration system to plan for the proper number of leaders and materials needed. Parents can read the children's classes offered and sign them up at <http://cogaurora.org/ministries/childrens-ministry>.
 - Masks are not required for the children. We leave the decision to the parents if they want their children to wear a mask or not.
 - We are asking our leader volunteers to wear a mask if they have not been vaccinated.

- Our youth ministry will continue to meet at 10:00 am on Sundays and on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.
 - Masks are not required for the youth. We leave the decision to the parents if they want their children to wear a mask or not.
 - We are asking our leader volunteers to wear a mask if they have not been vaccinated.
- Requests from outside organizations, youth, and El Shalom should align with COG's current phase.
- Small/LifeGroups/Ministries Gatherings
 - Gatherings at Community of Grace will follow the same guidance outlined above regarding wearing of masks and options for those who wish to social distance.
 - Meeting in person at a private residence will have no restrictions. We still encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear a mask when meeting.
 - Ministries and groups should continue to offer virtual gatherings for those who wish to participate but cannot due to their specific situation or circumstance.
 - Ministries and groups must contact the church office for scheduling and approval to use the church facilities. We are still asking groups to clean after use of the church facilities.
 - We ask for everyone to monitor for symptoms of Covid-19. If you show any symptoms, do not attend your gatherings and seek medical guidance.