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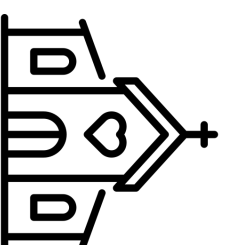
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# Why should churches open soon?

## stay-at-home has been hard

people are increasingly struggling with:

- **isolation**<sup>1</sup>
- **anxiety**<sup>1,4,5</sup>
- **depression**<sup>1,6</sup>
- **substance abuse**<sup>1</sup>
- **domestic violence**<sup>1,2,3,7</sup>
- **child abuse**<sup>1,7</sup>
- **suicide**<sup>5</sup>



people need hope

the local church is a **positive source of encouragement** for many, especially in uncertain times

### Footnotes

(1) Likely to be substantial increases in anxiety, depression, substance abuse, loneliness, domestic violence, child abuse (JAMA Internal Medicine, 4/20/20) [Link](#) (2) 21% increase in reported domestic violence (Seattle Police Dept., 4/1/20) [Link](#) (3) 21% increase in domestic violence calls (CBS News, 4/8/20) [Link](#) (4) 12% increase in screening for clinical anxiety (Mental Health America) [Link](#) (5) 8,000% increase in suicide & anxiety hotline calls (Orange County Register, 4/22/20) [Link](#) (6) in a survey of Chinese healthcare workers, 50% mild depression, 14% moderate or severe depression (Medscape, 3/28) [Link](#) (7) Research shows increased stress and social isolation raise risk of domestic violence and physical abuse and neglect of children (American Psychological Association, 4/8/2020) [Link](#)

# How would it work?

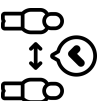
All guidelines will be strictly followed

*from governmental and medical authorities*



## Controlled entry

- masks required for everyone
- medical screening questions
- infrared temperature testing
- 99.9 temp sent home
- Emp & Vol quarantined if sick



## Social Distancing

- chairs spaced 6 ft apart
- separate room for most vulnerable
- normal close-quarters activities will be cancelled



## Strict PPE & Cleaning

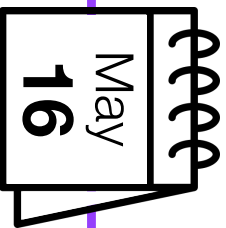
- full PPE for staff & volunteers
- masks & hand sanitizer available for guests
- 24-hour closure following any confirmed cases

our detailed protocols [here](#)

# What's the timeline?

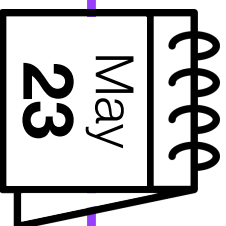
Open in progressive phases

*to allow time to prepare & adjust*



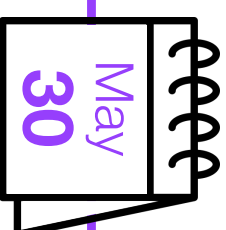
ONLY open to:

**staff**  
(+families)



ONLY open to:

**staff**  
(+families)  
**volunteers**  
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open to:

**public**