

## **COVID-19 Re-Opening Procedures**

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### **Overview**

The following is an overview of local practices to be employed by Amplify Church to reintroduce on-site physical services. The goal and purpose of this document is to outline guidelines and practices to be implemented in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local direction as made public by our governments.

We believe that physically gathering is an essential part of the vision of Amplify Church. We care deeply about the safety of our staff, volunteers and attendees. With the guidance provided to us, as well as the following implementations, we believe we are equipped and ready to reintroduce on-site physical services.

## Before Attending

While we understand that many individuals who call Amplify home will be anxious to worship together in person, we do ask that you consider a few questions before attending a service:

- Are you considered to be part of the primary At-Risk population?<sup>1</sup> If so, we recommend not yet attending on-site physical services.
- Have you experienced any symptoms, even mild, related to COVID-19<sup>2</sup> including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell? If so, we recommend not yet attending on-site physical services.
- Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have NOT yet surpassed at least 3 days (72 hours) since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); have NOT seen improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and NOT yet surpassed at least 7 days since symptoms first appeared? If so, we recommend not yet attending on-site physical services. NOTE: If you are a staff or serving volunteer and do not meet these requirements, you are not permitted to attend.

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<sup>1</sup> Older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease are at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness. More information can be found at <https://www.health.pa.gov/>

<sup>2</sup> More information on symptoms & what to do can be found at <https://www.health.pa.gov/>

## **Attending Service**

We care deeply about the safety of our staff, volunteers and attendees. With that in mind, the following protocols will be implemented across our services to ensure the safety of one another. We ask that if you plan to attend on-site physical services, you intend to follow these protocols, as well as any additional direction given by Staff or Volunteers while on-site.

### **Staff & Volunteers**

- All employees & volunteers will be trained on appropriate cleaning and disinfection procedures, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette
- All employees & volunteers will enter through a single entrance as designated by your campus.
- All employees & volunteers will be screened before continuing entrance into the facility. If you display any new or worsening symptoms COVID-19, you will be sent home. Screening will include an infrared forehead temperature screen. Any individual feeling feverish or with a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home.
  - All employees & volunteers will wash or sanitize hands upon entering
  - All employees & volunteers will maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, then other measures including face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.

- All employees & volunteers will wear face coverings except for when your responsibilities require you to be on the Auditorium platform.

## **Attendees**

- At-Risk population attendees are encouraged to remain joining into our experiences online.
- Attendees will be asked to practice proper spacing between other individuals outside of your immediate family.
- Attendees are asked to wear face coverings in accordance with federal, state, and local government protocols (until said protocols are no longer required).
- Please respect and follow operational procedures outlined later in this document.

## **Health Protocols For Amplify Facilities**

Health and safety protocols will be increased across our facilities to help combat & slow the spread of the virus.

- Staff & Volunteers will regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.
- Any items that come into contact with attendees will be regularly disinfected
- Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available, including touch-free hand sanitizing dispensers.
- Readily visible signage will be posted to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

## Operational Procedures Overview

In coordination with the following guidance provided by government entities during the COVID-19 Crisis, the following procedures will be implemented at all Amplify services until further notice.

- Amplify will limit the total number of attendance to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Next Generation ministries including birth-high school will not be operational during our initial phase of reopening. The timeline, as well as additional health protocols, for the reopening of the ministries will come at a later time.
- On-site sale and distribution of anything edible will be temporarily suspended including cafe, team rally volunteer snacks, and Communion.
- Foyer congregating pre and post service will be discouraged to comply with 6 feet social distancing measures.
- Proper spacing during seating will be practiced. This includes:
  - Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows: i. Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

- No physical offering containers will be passed. A collection box will be available at each location for physical donations. Online giving will be encouraged as our primary suggestion for church donations. You can give online at [amplifychurch.com](https://amplifychurch.com), the amplify church app, or by texting “amplify” to 73256.
- Auditorium dismissal procedures will include being released by sections and rows as designated by staff.

## **East Campus**

Currently, the plan is to begin services at our East campus starting June 7.

Check website for details.

## **City Campus**

Currently, the plan is to begin services at our City campus starting June 14

(Subject to change pending permitting). Check website for details.

## **South Campus**

Until further notice, our South Campus community will be asked to take part in services being held at our other locations.

## **Philadelphia Campus**

Until further notice, our Philadelphia campus will continue to join into our weekly services online.