

## **CROSSWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## SAFE, SMART, AND STEP BY STEP REOPENING PLAN

## **PHASE ONE**

We are so grateful to our technical staff for making it possible for us to worship and stay connected through electronic means as we have been working our way through this unprecedented CoronaVirus pandemic. It is safe to say that all of us miss physically being in church with each other and we want to be able to worship together as soon as possible. However, we want to be safe and smart about doing that; we want to comply with scripture that tells us to "obey those in authority over us"; and we want to abide by the state guidelines given by the Governor of Florida and other local governing authorities. We believe that the following Safe, Smart and Step by Step process for moving forward accomplishes all those goals and will allow us to worship together in person again.

## **Phase One guidelines:**

- Keep the Church Office closed and staff working from home. Individuals can come into the office to perform essential duties that require being physically in the office. When in the office the CDC recommendations for social distancing are to be followed. Wearing a mask is suggested if the 6 feet separation cannot be maintained. Remember, this is to protect others not just yourself.
- Continue using Zoom etc., tools for small group meetings.
- Continue electronic children and youth services as we have been doing.
- Starting June 21, hold two Sunday worship services. The services will be performed live and made available through live streaming as well as video at the conclusion of the services.
  - Starting June 21, a limited number of people will be able to attend the live worship services. The concept is that you can attend one service every other week.
  - Families whose last names start with A E are scheduled to attend the first service on June 21. Families whose last names start with F – L are scheduled to attend the second service on June 21. Families whose last names start with M – R are scheduled to attend the first service on June 28. Families whose last names start with S – Z are scheduled to attend the second service on June 28. This pattern will then repeat itself on July 5 and July 12.
  - When attending the live service, we should maintain the social distancing guidelines of 6 feet apart. Families who live in the same house are free to sit together in the Worship Center. All others should space out. With the size of the new Worship Center, that can be done easily. We will maintain at least one row and two seats between those attending. We will identify the rows that are available for seating and as people fill in the rows they will need to maintain the two seat separation if they are not immediate family members.
  - We will not provide childcare or youth services during the services.
  - We strongly encourage everyone to wear masks while around others.
    - The Pastor will not be wearing a mask when preaching. However, when the service is over he will do so. The same will be true of the Worship Team.

- We are aware that the DNA of Crosswater is hugging necks and shaking hands. However, in Phase One we are going to ask all persons to not do so but to practice social distancing.
- When on the property and in the parking lot, we encourage everyone to practice social distancing.

We believe this plan will allow us to safely take steps toward being able to meet while allowing people to be able to experience the new Worship Center. We anticipate Phase Two will allow more people into the Worship Center so everyone can attend services each week, and Phase Three being a complete return to normal with both student and children services. The timing for moving from Phase One to the future phases is to be determined.