

Phase 02 Protocol for Reopening the Harrison SDA Church

The Phase 01 Protocol for the reopening of the church was voted by the churchy board on June 6, 2020. Today, September 6, 2020, the board revised the protocol, hereafter known as Phase 02, and voted to include Sabbath School, and to follow the protocol mentioned in the Action Steps section.

A. SELF-ASSESSMENT

Before leaving your residence, perform a self-assessment by answering the following questions:

1. Do you have ONE or more of the following symptoms that is unusual for you:
 - a. Fever (temperature of 100.4 Fahrenheit or greater) or feel feverish;
 - b. Cough; shortness of breath/difficulty breathing; chills;
 - c. Repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain;
 - d. Headache; sore throat;
 - e. Loss of taste or smell;
 - f. General unwell feeling?
2. Take your temperature using a reliable thermometer according to manufacturer's specifications.
3. Are you treating fever, aches, and/or pain with prescription or over-the-counter fever/pain reducers, such as Tylenol, Aleve, Motrin, acetaminophen, naproxen sodium, ibuprofen, etc.?
4. Are you treating a cough with prescription or over-the-counter cough suppressants, such as Robitussin, Delsym, etc.?
5. Have you had any close contact with anyone who has, within the last 14 days, been suspected of having or diagnosed with COVID-19?
6. The CDC defines close contact as:
 - a. Being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for approximately 10 minutes or longer, or
 - b. Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case, such as being coughed on.
7. Have you traveled internationally in the past 14 days?
8. Are you currently infected with COVID-19?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, (1) please stay home, (2) notify anyone you may have contacted, and (3) contact your medical provider.

B. ACTION STEPS

The following are the action steps voted by the church board for the Phase 02 Protocol.

1. You are strongly encouraged to bring and wear a mask or cloth face covering. While the wearing of a mask may not offer you protection, it communicates your respect, consideration, and desire to protect others. You are your ‘brother’s keeper.’”
2. We will have Sabbath School (9:30 a.m.) and Church (11:00 a.m.). We will not have a Sabbath School program for children for the time being, so they will need to stay with their parents.
3. There will be two adult Sabbath School classes: sanctuary (for mask wearers) and fellowship hall (for non-mask wearers), each one of them staffed with teachers.
4. Entrance to and egressing from the fellowship hall and sanctuary will be through their respective doors: sanctuary (church main door), fellowship hall (back door of fellowship hall).
5. A social distancing of at least 6 feet will be maintained in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall.
6. The entire church is designated as a mask area, except the fellowship hall. This means those meeting in the fellowship hall needing to access any other area of the church, including restrooms, will wear a mask and keep it on until the wearer returns to the fellowship hall.
7. The wearing of masks at all times will be required by those meeting in the sanctuary. Masks will be offered to those who do not have it. Those choosing not to wear a mask will meet in the fellowship hall to view the church service in the sanctuary via Zoom.
8. Church service will be broadcast by Zoom for those whom cannot attend church.
9. The Mother’s Room will be made available only to one set of parents with small children.
10. While singing is an enjoyable part of worship, unfortunately it is one of the most effective ways to spread the virus. Hence, we won’t be having singing during church service. Only non-wind musical instruments will be used by live performers.
11. In order to promote social distancing, only two people at a time will be using the restrooms.
12. Tithe and Offerings will be collected at the end of Sabbath School and Worship Services. There will be a basket in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall.
13. Hand Sanitizers will be supplied in appropriate areas. We strongly encourage the practice of frequent handwashing and covering your mouth with your arm when coughing or sneezing.
14. We discourage hand shakings, hugging or giving high five. Waving your hand is an appropriate salutation.
15. The fellowship meal is temporarily suspended.