



Plan for Return to In-Person Services Beech Haven Baptist Church

Beech Haven Family:

Below are some measures we ask our members to observe if they plan to return to In-Person Services (IPS) at Beech Haven. As conditions change or improve these measures will change and improve. These measures are phased, and they are phased in such a way to return the church to normal operations and ministry.

Participants in worship and ministry at Beech Haven assume all risks. People should return to IPS (1) when they are comfortable with assuming risk and (2) when they are comfortable with this plan.

God's blessings on you.

David Mills

Phase 1:

1. **Worship services only:** We will only offer worship service during this phase. We will postpone a return to In-Person Sunday Groups, Wednesday ministries, and children's and student ministries to a later date during phase 2 and 3. Extended session will return in a later phase, too.
2. **Registration:** We ask all participants register their attendance through our website. This will enable us to be better prepared for guests.
3. **Hygiene:** Please wash your hands before coming to the property. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
4. **Church Sick Policy:** We ask all participants to observe our church sick policy which is to remain home or return home if they or family members demonstrate any symptoms of any sickness.
5. **Signs:** Signs appropriate to the Phase will appear throughout the church property reminding participants of our measures.
6. **Masks:** In this phase, we request all participants to wear masks (per CDC guidelines, children under 2 must never wear masks.) The only exception to this will be those speaking or singing on the platform. In that case, they will (1) have a temperature check

before each service and (2) wear masks while “on the floor.” The distance from the platform to the first pew (8’9”) is adequate maintain social distancing.

7. **Children and Children’s Ministry**: Children are welcome in worship at Beech Haven. We understand the challenge of guiding small children in worship. Nevertheless, they are welcome. During Phase 1, the children’s wing will be closed. We do not plan to offer children’s worship and children’s ministries until Phases 2 and 3. *Worship Activity Bags for Children will be provided.*
8. **Social Distancing**: We ask that individuals, couples, and families that live together distance themselves from others at least 6’ at all times inside and outside the building. Stickers will be on the campus to encourage social distancing.
9. **Parking and Entry to the Worship Center**: We ask that Senior Adults and the medically vulnerable park on the east side (“Arby’s side”) of the worship center and enter the worship center from the front, east side. Everyone else should park in the west side (“Lower Parking Lot”) and enter from the front, west side. All other doors will be locked.
10. **Greeting**: We ask all worshippers to greet one another with a wave or “hello” (or some other appropriate verbal greeting) and avoid all physical contact while maintaining a distance of at least 6’.
11. **Foot Traffic**: All traffic in, out, and around the building will be one-way traffic.
12. **Doors**: We will prop open doors so that participants do not have to touch them to enter or exit.
13. **Seating**: Entry into the worship service will be deliberate, planned, and directed. Participants are asked to sit in seats assigned to them. We will close off every other pew and cap our capacity. Participants who cohabitate with one another (e.g. families, couples, roommates) in the same living quarters may sit together. Otherwise, participants should distance themselves from one another at least 6’.
14. **Singing, music**: We will engage in congregational singing during worship. We will postpone a return to the use of a live choir until a later phase. The orchestra will return at a later phase, too.
15. **Invitation**: Because of social distancing concerns, we will not issue an altar call after the sermon. However, the altar will be available for prayer. We will invite people to Christ, baptism, and membership at Beech Haven and ask those who respond to indicate their decision electronically (“Sunday” to 484848).
16. **Materials**: Worship Guides, Bibles, Hymn Books, Pens, etc. have all been removed from the worship center. Worship Guides will not be provided.
17. **Offering and Offering Plates**: We will not pass offering plates in the service but will place offering boxes at exits around the worship center. Our preferred method of giving is online banking, by text, or through our website.
18. **Exit from Worship Center**: Participants will be dismissed in an orderly row by row fashion that will enable us to maintain social distance of at least 6’.
19. **Coffee, Breakfast, etc.**: Participants may bring their own coffee. Neither coffee nor breakfast will not be offered in Phase 1.
20. **Cleaning**: The worship center and entry ways will be cleaned after each worship service by our church cleaning crew.

21. **Restrooms**: Restrooms will be open but not monitored. They will be cleaned after every service. We ask those who use the restroom to maintain social distancing of 6' or more. Most likely, this will mean that restrooms will be used by one person at a time. Hands-free motion sensor technology is in process of being installed in the bathrooms closest to the worship center.
22. **Fellowship**: Participants are encouraged to fellowship outside the building while maintaining a distance of at least 6' from those not living in their household.

Phase 2:

1. Modifications and changes to Phase 1 measures.
2. A return to full Sunday morning programming (Sunday Groups, Extended Session, Children's and Student's Sunday morning ministries).

Phase 3:

1. Modifications and changes to Phase 1 and 2 measures.
2. A return to full programming. Details to be announced late August or early September and subject to change depending on health conditions.