

# Charter Oak Church Jeannette IN-PERSON GATHERINGS - FAQ

## **Q: What time will our gatherings take place?**

A: We will gather for worship in our sanctuary at 50% capacity (93 max) at 11:00AM beginning on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be prepared to use our Large Meeting Room as an overflow room if necessary. An online recorded service will be available at 11AM on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at [charteroakjn.online.church](http://charteroakjn.online.church). Beginning Sept 20<sup>th</sup> you can attend a livestream service on our campus Facebook page at [facebook.com/COCJeannette](https://facebook.com/COCJeannette). Lastly, we will broadcast a low-wattage FM transmitter for any who want to listen from their car on 92.7 FM.

## **Q: What safety measures should I expect?**

A: In addition to social distancing, masks are required for all attendees age 2 and over (see below). We will provide masks if you need one. Every other pew will be blocked off to ensure social distancing requirements. There will be hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. We will not be serving coffee or food until further notice. Exterior and interior doors will remain open (if weather permits) to allow for air circulation and to minimize contact with shared hard surfaces. When the gathering concludes, we will ask people to move outdoors immediately. As you greet each other and socialize, please respect social distancing and wear a mask.

## **Q: Why is COC requiring masks for worship gatherings?**

A: The CDC and PA Department of Health have stated that masks help fight the spread of COVID-19 and have the potential to save lives. Charter Oak Church follows Jesus' command to love one another, so when we gather, we are wearing a mask as an expression of love. In addition, the governor and PA Department of Health has explicitly stated that churches are not exempt from wearing a mask

## **Q: How will social distancing be maintained?**

A: Every other pew in our sanctuary will be blocked off and we recommend that family units sit together. As difficult as it is, we ask you to practice common sense and sensitivity towards others when it comes to handshakes, hugs and personal contact.

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**Q: Will we offer Kids Ministry?**

A: Initially, Kids Ministry and Nursery will *not* be occurring on Sunday mornings until further notice. We are planning how to best provide Kids Ministry at our campus with safety measures in place and recruit ample volunteers soon. In the meantime, we will provide activity bags for kids to stay engaged during the in-person gatherings and will create space in the back of the sanctuary for parents to attend to children as needed.

**Q: How do I know if I should stay home?**

A: While we desire to worship with each of you in person, your safety—and the safety of everyone who joins us—is of paramount importance. If you or someone you live with has had a fever, cough, traveled, or been asked to quarantine in the last 14 days, we appreciate your willingness to stay home and help protect others.

**Q: What if someone who comes to a worship tests positive for the virus?**

A: We trust that each of us will be responsible to inform one another appropriately. Any physical gathering creates risk, so we ask that each of us minimize it. If we all work together and respect the rules, our exposure should be no more than it is when we go to the store or engage in other activities outside the home.