

We have developed some guidelines that are appropriate for our church and location. Each community is different; each church is different; each family and individual are different—one size does not fit all. But for who and where we are, here are some guidelines. We hope they give you a degree of confidence and comfort as we gather together in the Lord's House. These guidelines will be regularly reviewed and will be altered as necessary.

1. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to church; the COVID virus has a variety of common symptoms, and what may seem to you like a minor ailment could seriously affect someone else.

2. If you believe you should not attend services for an extended period of time, that is completely understandable. Everyone needs to decide what is personally best.

3. Masks and/or gloves are recommended though not required; individuals and families are asked to determine what they will wear for their own protection. But having said that, we ask everyone to be mindful of one another. It is our desire to keep the doors to Open Door Baptist Church open, but that requires each of us doing our best to keep the virus out.

4. We will not pass the offering plate; we will have one plate up front and another one on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For those staying home from church for extended periods of time, your offering can be mailed in, if desired.

5. We will also not pass the communion plates; during our monthly communion service, we will invite you to come forward by rows to take the elements back to your seat.

6. Please limit personal contact outside of your family. We love one another; and as an expression of love, please no handshaking or hugging for the immediate time (fist- or elbow-bumps are a good replacement!). We have temporarily discontinued our “Welcome” time during the service.

7. The doors leading into the sanctuary will be left open during the Sunday School hour. Instead of waiting in the small foyer for class to conclude, please come in and be seated upon your arrival for the 10:00 AM meeting.

8. Our Greeter will wear gloves and a mask.

9. When you find a seat, please space yourselves out so there is room between you and the nearest worshippers. All the rows will be available for

you to occupy (*including the front row!*).

10. The Ladies' Sunday School class will meet in the large, open area in Cooley Hall; and our Wednesday Bible study will likewise continue to meet there, with the tables spread out further than usual. We will not divide into small groups and small rooms for prayer at this time.

11. The church facilities are cleaned weekly and continue to be disinfected between our various services. In addition, hand sanitizer is readily available in both buildings.

12. The Sunday sermons are posted on our church website (opendoorofpv.com) as soon as practical, usually Sunday night; look for the link to “Sermons” along the top of the Home Page.