



PCC Reopening – Stage 1

Overview

Pahrump Community Church will gradually reopen our physical worship services and our ministries acknowledging the guidance of state and local government and our own elected leadership boards. As requirements and circumstances change, we will prayerfully reevaluate our practices. The leaders of PCC believe that this approach will best serve us in bringing glory to God and practicing sacrificial love for our church family and our community.

General Guidelines

- State and local guidelines will be monitored and respected.
- Our gatherings will be limited to fifty persons per meeting.
- Social distancing will be recommended and encouraged.
- Masks will be made available for all in attendance.
- **By participating in any on-campus gathering of PCC, the attendee is implicitly consenting to our “*Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to Coronavirus/COVID-19*” (see attached).**

Pahrump Community Church Worship Services

- Services will be at 8:00am and 10:45am.
- Services will be “staffed” by a static crew of seven ministers.
- Services will be limited to forty-three non-staff worshippers in the Multi-Purpose Building.
- Services will overflow into the Chapel as leadership deems it appropriate.
- Social distancing will be encouraged before, throughout, and after the service.
- Any Musical Worship Team members will be counted as part of the fifty.

Children’s Ministry

- Individual Sunday School classes will not be offered until (Lord willing) the start of the school semester in the fall. (A combined-ages Sunday School class is under consideration, but this option is not yet being offered.)
- Parents are encouraged to engage their children with family Bible studies and *RightNow Media* content.
- There will be neither Children’s Church nor nursery during Stage 1 of our reopening.



Registration

- Our PCC family can register either through our online portal ([Click this link](#)) or by calling the church office.
- Registrations will be time-stamped and taken accordingly.
- Some of those in attendance will be able to help serve as either an Attendance Keeper or a Greeter/Helper.
- When a service reaches its size limit, further registrations will be moved to the next available service.
- If someone must be turned away on Sunday morning, we will pray with him and then work with him on registering for the next available service.

Social Distancing

- We will have limited seating available on Sunday morning.
- Chairs can be adjusted to accommodate households and maintain a general six feet of distance between households.
- As much as PCC loves to hug, we recognize that physical contact is a sure way to spread germs in any season. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, please *refrain from physical contact* with those outside of your home.
- Facemasks are not required but our governing authorities are strongly recommending use of facemasks in groups.
- We will provide facemasks for those who wish to wear them but who have not brought their own.
- If you choose not to wear a facemask, please respect the perspectives of others and offer to don a mask when in close proximity to those who are wearing them.

FAQ

1. Is anyone welcome to attend PCC's services?
 - a. We never want to turn anyone away from hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Those who believe COVID-19 is a hoax need Jesus. Those who are anxious about getting COVID-19 need Jesus. Those who want to maintain a healthy sense of caution need Jesus.
 - b. Even more important than one's views on COVID-19 or facemasks or personal fashion or governmental overreach is the need for us to exhibit Christlike love toward one another.

You were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. Galatians 5:13-15

It is altogether biblical to sacrifice ourselves and our freedoms out of love and care for our Christian family (see further Romans 14.13-21).

- c. Those who are immunocompromised or have experienced COVID-19 related symptoms should **not** attend Sunday's gatherings but should continue to worship virtually.



2. What is PCC's plan to keep things safe and clean on Sunday mornings?
 - a. Other than our AV crew, those in attendance will be confined to our Multi-Purpose Room (or our chapel if leadership deems that necessary).
 - b. Our staff and ministers will wear facemasks as appropriate.
 - c. Our church family will be encouraged to more extended visiting and socialization in their own homes or in restaurants that have reopened rather than in the Multi-Purpose Building.
 - d. Our gathering areas will be thoroughly sanitized after each service and chairs will be reorganized to foster social distancing.
 - e. We will have hand sanitizer stations conspicuously offered in our meeting areas.
3. Will we be offering communion? What about collecting offerings?
 - a. Leadership has acquired self-contained communion elements to minimize handling.
 - b. We have installed secure offering boxes in both east and west entries in the Multi-Purpose Building and we continue to encourage our church family to take advantage of online giving.
4. When will our Children's Ministry get up and running?
 - a. Sunday school plans to resume with the school year in the fall.
 - b. We have tentatively planned a "Summer Splash" VBS alternative for the first Saturday in August.
 - c. As a way to minister to our younger family members, Pastor Caleb strongly recommends that families check out RightNow Media (<https://bit.ly/PAHRUMP>).
5. When will our regular ministries restart?
 - a. Ministry leaders are strongly encouraged to communicate with elected leadership regarding individual reopening strategies.
 - b. Some ministries may have limited gatherings until things level off somewhat.
 - c. Our church family is strongly encouraged to fellowship digitally or in small groups.
 - d. All of our church family is encouraged to be a part of a Fellowship Group (contact pastorcaleb@pahrumppcc.com for more details).
6. Will there be coffee and donuts?
 - a. We have decided that, for the time being, it is best to not offer refreshments during the service.
 - b. We will offer individual water bottles for those who do not bring their own.
 - c. We're just fine with your bringing orange tic-tacs to tide you over until Sunday dinner.



7. Why is PCC abiding by what I consider to be ridiculous and inconsistent government restrictions?
 - a. PCC leadership is committed to living like Jesus as much as we can.
 - b. We believe that God's will is that we submit to governing authorities 1) as long as they're not explicitly commanding something contrary to Scripture and 2) whether or not they make good sense (cf. Romans 13.1-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-3).
 - c. We believe that our witness is impacted by both the content and the attitude of our responses to governing authorities.
8. Do I really have to wear one of those doggone facemasks?
 - a. You didn't read that point closely.
 - b. They're not required, but they're recommended.
 - c. As believers, it is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who don't respond to circumstances or situations the same way we do.
9. How long until things get back to normal?
 - a. If only we knew.
 - b. We will keep you posted as soon as things change.
10. These restrictions are lame.
 - a. That's not a question.
 - b. We did our best to weigh all the factors and to accommodate as many people as we could.
 - c. No one is particularly thrilled with the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to do what we can to build others up, to protect them as much as we can, to live quiet and peaceful lives, and to bring God glory in all things.
11. What if you didn't answer my question?
 - a. We're happy to answer any questions you have! Email pastorkeith@pahrumppcc.com or pastorcaleb@pahrumppcc.com.
 - b. Please be kind. Attacking other folks for non-sin issues isn't really a Christian thing to do.



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Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to Coronavirus/COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. COVID-19 is highly contagious and known to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people over the past several weeks.

By attending Pahrump Community Church (“PCC”) services or any associated activities, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, PCC leadership, employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against PCC and any other listed parties, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.

