

Great Lakes Church Preparedness Plan

to provide for a safe in-person meeting space during the current
COVID-19 crisis

We face a health situation that requires us to address changes in how we meet in person to stem the spread of this virus. The State of Minnesota has declared each facility should have a management plan established and executed to provide a safe experience for people gathering in their facility.

In an attempt to address this issue we lay out the following plan:

Personal Responsibilities:

Every person plays a part in slowing the spread of the virus. According to the CDC the most effective deterrent to spreading the virus is for every person to practice the following:

- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands well and often (with soap and water or hand sanitizer).
- Avoid touching your face.

Ministry Responsibilities:

In our facility we endeavor to institute the following guidelines to keep people safe healthy while they are in the building:

- Ensure 50% building capacity is not exceeded (current state guidelines).
- Encourage and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet (2 meters) between people not from the same household. Chairs will be spaced appropriately to ensure this.
- Ask all adults and children (other than infants and toddlers) to wear a facemask while in the building. Great Lakes will provide disposable masks to those who need one at the door. We will not be policing people so we ask attendees to please respect this request and ask all parents to manage their own children to ensure they follow the rules.
- Provide hand sanitizer and tissue throughout the building.
- Endeavor to make the building as touch-free as possible. People should avoid touching door handles or any other items touched often by others.
- Properly clean commonly touched areas in the building before and after services: bathrooms, door handles, countertops, chairs, light switches, and microphones.
- Open windows and turn on fans and/or air exchange units to provide ventilation of air from the outside.
- Open entrance/exits to the building during services (unless inclement weather) to avoid unexpected close contact and touching surfaces.
- Eliminate food or drink sharing. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. Bottled water will be provided if needed.
- Post this plan and relevant signage around the building.

- Continue to use technology for services, prayer, education, and support for community members who are not able to attend in person or do not feel comfortable attending.

Additionally:

- Encourage all “at risk” people and members of vulnerable populations to stay home and participate in services remotely.
- Encourage anyone to stay home if they feel uncomfortable attending.