

# REOPENING GUIDELINES

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*Victory Baptist Church leadership is keenly aware of the international health crisis that has been ongoing for the past two months due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The public has been encouraged to take various precautions to minimize risks to their individual health and the health of others. Citizens were asked to stay home and businesses and places of worship were closed to avoid gathering in large crowds and mass spreading of the virus into communities. Although not out of the woods, we are now transitioning to re-opening the country. Businesses and places of worship have been admonished to proceed with caution. The following requirements will be implemented and followed for services conducted at Victory during COVID-19 to minimize risks to members' and visitors' health. The requirements will be updated/changed as required based on the current guidance available. If there are any questions regarding the requirements, members may contact their assigned Deacon or call the Church Administration Office.*

## Preparation for Attending Service

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- An Insurance Liability Release Form will be required to attend services. Signature on the release form and participation in the services indicates that members/visitors acknowledge that the Church has provided notice of the risks associated with COVID-19 as well as the potential for contracting the virus despite best efforts to abide by the recommended guidelines. Please review form and sign indicating you understand and accept risks involved.
- Seek medical advice (if you have not already) regarding relevant underlying conditions as defined by the CDC (examples are individuals age 65 and over, people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, individuals with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, hemoglobin disorders, immunocompromised including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications, diabetes, severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher), chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, liver disease) prior to undertaking any activity outside of the home including attending worship services.
- Please do not attend services if you feel ill or have had a fever or any symptoms of any illness within the past 14 days or if you have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or live with someone that is at risk, sick, showing signs of respiratory illness and currently have a fever above 99.5 or 100.5 for children or have been around anyone that has been sick in the past 14 days.
- COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms (asymptomatic) may be able to spread the virus similarly. These individuals are unaware that they could have the virus because there are no symptoms to alert them. The CDC is still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes.
  - Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
    - Fever or chills
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Fatigue
    - Muscle or body aches
    - Headache

- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention
  - Look for emergency warning signs\* for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately
  - Trouble breathing
  - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
  - New confusion
  - Inability to wake or stay awake
  - Bluish lips or face

***\*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.***

**Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility:** Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

- If cleared by your doctor to attend worship services and you can answer ‘no’ to the symptoms above, you may proceed with your RSVP for the service. See instructions below for how to RSVP.

## **Instructions to RSVP**

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- Seating is limited. Please use the listed RSVP options below to reserve your seat. You will receive a confirmation notification. If seating is unavailable you will be placed on a waitlist and notified when seating is available.***
  1. Visit [www.vbcridgecrest.com](http://www.vbcridgecrest.com), scroll to “Stay Connected” and select “RSVP”
  2. Members/Attendees may call the church between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 760.384.4416
  3. Members/Attendees will be notified that RSVP has been received and accepted for the service.
  4. A sign-up sheet will be created from the RSVPs so that we can verify attendance and create a contact tracing list if needed in the future.
  5. Please notify the church if RSVP is no longer needed so that others can be given an opportunity to attend.
  6. Victory strongly encourages those 65 and over to consider enjoying our online service from the comfort and safety of your own home at [www.facebook.com/vbcridgecrest/](https://www.facebook.com/vbcridgecrest/)

[www.vbcridgecrest.com](http://www.vbcridgecrest.com) \*Scroll to “Stay Connected”  
(video will be available to view at the conclusion of services)

## **Pre-Attendance Guidelines**

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- Check temperature prior to leaving home. If the temperature check indicates a fever, please remain home and seek appropriate medical advice.

- Please ensure you have Personal protective equipment (PPE) with you before leaving home-  
-facial coverings, i.e. masks; and gloves if you feel it is necessary, hand sanitizer, Kleenex.  
Children age 2 and up must also wear masks.
- Note bathrooms will only be available for emergencies or as medically necessary. Please  
take appropriate actions given these restrictions.
- Parking will be limited.

## Arriving at Service Guidelines

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- Be prepared to have temperature checked again prior to entering Sanctuary.
- Social distancing of 6 feet will be practiced. However, cohabitating family units may sit closer  
together.
- Follow the instructions of the Parking Lot Attendant(s).
- Doors to the church will be propped open to avoid physical touching of door handles.
- Pay attention to all markings, signs, and taped off areas.
- All RSVP will be verified by church staff.
- Follow the instructions of ushers for seating.
- Children should remain in the care of those in their household unit and not interact with  
children of other families at any time while visiting facilities.
- Refrain from embracing, shaking hands, or other forms of physical contact.
- No fans or bulletins will be available.

## Description of Service

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- A plexiglass partition will be visible in the pulpit for Pastor Thomas, ministerial staff and  
worship leaders.
- All staff will be wearing masks. Ushers will also wear gloves.
- Service will occur in a shorter timeframe. We will need to exit the building as quickly as  
possible.
- Staff and ushers will not be able to minister in the way they have in the past.

## After Service

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- Family units will be dismissed together at the close of service
- Please do not socialize without proper physical distancing in the parking lot or other public  
spaces after service.
- Please contact the church immediately if you experience any flu-like symptoms and to  
seek medical advice.**

## General Information

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- Tithes and offering
  1. Pay online at <http://www.vbcridgecrest.com/giving/>
  2. A drop basket will be located in the vestibule and may be used upon entering or exit  
the Sanctuary. *(Please follow the direction of the ushers)*
- Weekly activities such as, Sunday School, Kids Kingdom, and Children's Nursery will not  
be available during this time.
- Thursday Bible Study will continue to be available at 6:30 PM
  1. [www.facebook.com/vbcridgecrest/](http://www.facebook.com/vbcridgecrest/)
  2. [www.vbcridgecrest.com](http://www.vbcridgecrest.com) \*Scroll to "Stay Connected" (video will be available to view at  
the conclusion of Bible Study)
- Prepackaged communion cups will be available on 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday's of each month