



## **Return to In-Person Worship FAQ**

We are very pleased to resume **in-person worship** in the **sanctuary** at **9:00am** on Sundays, **beginning Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The health and wellbeing of our worshippers, employees, and guests is our top priority. We are committed to closely monitoring, managing, and mitigating the COVID-19 novel health risk and will follow instructions and recommendations issued by public health authorities and/or government agencies regarding size of gatherings, face coverings, social distancing, and essential businesses. Those who prefer to attend virtually are invited to watch our [Sunday Online Worship Experience on YouTube](#) on Sundays at 2:00pm, and/or join us for **Morning Prayer**, on **Monday-Wednesday-Friday, from 6:25-6:40am**, (712) 770-5600, code: 240679#.

**Q: Do I have to pre-register/make reservations for Sunday morning worship service?**

A: No. There is no pre-registration/reservation required.

**Q: What time will doors open?**

A: The doors will open one hour prior to the start of worship.

**Q: What door should I enter?**

A: Please park on the west parking lot and use the main entrance (doors 1-6). All other entrances will remain locked, and the east parking lot will be closed.

**Q: Where should I park?**

A: Please park on the west parking lot and use the main entrance (doors 1-6). All other entrances will remain locked, and the east parking lot will be closed.

**Q: Do I have to wear a mask?** 072821

A: **Regardless of your COVID-19 vaccination status, please wear a face mask while in the building or on campus.** Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before putting on your mask. Place and keep the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin. Fit the mask snugly against the sides of your face.

**Q: Do I have to practice social distancing?**

A: Unless you are fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, you are encouraged to practice social or physical distancing and maintain at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.

**Q: Do I need to undergo pre-screening on site before I can be admitted to worship service?**

A: No. But worshippers are asked to self-screen prior to attending worship. If you (or anyone in your household/social bubble) are sick, or have recently experienced COVID-19 symptoms, been in close contact with someone who is sick with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, then please come back when you are feeling well or visit us online at [YouTube.com/NewHorizonsChurchIndy](https://www.youtube.com/NewHorizonsChurchIndy).

**Q: Will we be operating at full capacity in the sanctuary?**

A: In order to provide worshippers with space to observe social distancing in the sanctuary, we will be operating at 2/3 capacity or 200 seats.

**Q: Will seating be front-to-back, back-to-front, or first come-first served?**

A: Seating will be front-to-back.

**Q: When capacity has reached 200 in sanctuary, then what?**

A: There will be overflow seating available in the chapel at 2/3 capacity or 66 seats.

**Q: Are kids welcome?** 072921

A: Of course! Children are welcome to return in-person to family worship in the sanctuary. We will be offering children's church for children ages 12 and up at the 9:00am service beginning **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Q: Will there be music?**

A: Yes, the minister of music and musicians will provide worship music. The choir will return when we determine that it is safe to do so.

**Q: How will offering be managed?**

A: As a precaution regarding shared objects and surfaces, we strongly encourage worshippers to continue to give in one of the many ways available during the shutdown – mail, Givelify, or online bill pay. We will also provide a touchless in-person giving option at the conclusion of worship.

**Q: Will there be Communion?**

A: Yes. On first Sundays, everyone present will be invited to receive Holy Communion. As a precaution regarding shared objects and surfaces, please select the appropriate number of Communion elements for your party on the way into the sanctuary.

**Q: Will there be children's church?** 072921

A: We will be offering children's church for children ages 12 and up at the 9:00am service beginning **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. In the interim, and any time, of course children are welcome to return in-person to family worship in the sanctuary.

**Q: Will we have Sunday School or Discipleship Development classes?** 072821

A: We will NOT have Sunday School or provide any in-person Discipleship Development classes at this time. We'll prior ample notice prior to resuming in-person classes.

**Q: Will the restrooms be open and at full capacity?**

A: The restrooms in the front of the building, including the unisex in the welcome center will be open for use. The men's and women's restrooms should be limited to 4 adult occupants at a time. The restrooms in the children's wing will remain closed.

**Q: Is the entire building open?**

A: The sanctuary, narthex, welcome center, front restrooms, and chapel will be open. The kitchen, fellowship hall, work room, and all classrooms will remain closed.

**Q: Will the volunteer room be open for coffee/tea?**

A: No. As a precaution regarding shared objects and surfaces, the volunteer room will not be open.

**Q: Will we continue to have Prayer with Pastor on Sunday mornings?**

A: No. We will discontinue Sunday Morning Prayer with Pastor once Sunday worship restarts.

**Q: What about Victory in the Word?**

A: Victory in the Word will continue online on Wednesdays at noon, until further notice. Playback is available on our YouTube channel.

**Q: How about men's and women's Bible Study?**

A: Men's and women's Bible studies will continue online until further notice.

**Q: When will Baby Dedication resume?**

A: Baby Dedication will recommence when we determine that is safe for everyone.

**Q: When will Baptism resume?**

A: Currently, the first baptism service is tentatively scheduled for December 2021.

**Q: When will NHC begin hosting weddings and funerals?**

A: We have yet to determine a date when these special services will resume.

**Q: Are we welcome to fellowship/congregate on the campus before/after worship service?**

A: Members are free to choose and assume the implied risk of face-to-face fellowship with others.

**Q: What is NHC doing to ensure that the facility is maintained with proper sanitation and hygiene?**

A: The facility is professionally cleaned twice weekly with commercial-grade disinfectant. Additionally, restrooms; shared spaces and objects; and high-touch hard surfaces, such as handrails, faucets, door handles/knobs, and light switches will be cleaned and sanitized before, during, and after worship services.

**Q: How is NHC working to protect vulnerable populations in particular?**

A: Older adults, people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, and people who are unvaccinated against COVID-19 may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and are encouraged to watch the service online at [YouTube.com/NewHorizonsChurchIndy/](https://www.youtube.com/NewHorizonsChurchIndy/).

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Please know that further changes may become necessary, based upon the best possible information as it becomes available. We will keep you posted as decisions are solidified. We will work to keep you informed via email. Information will also be readily available through our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter Instagram, and YouTube, and on the church's website (NHCindy.org). We appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we manage this novel health risk. 072821