



CHURCH RE-ENTRY NKBA

WHAT COULD BE
EXPECTED OF THE
CHURCH

READ THE GUIDELINES

- Don't take anybody else's word for what the guidelines say
- Avoid using “minority” interpretations to shape your interpretation

DON'T MAKE DECISIONS IN ISOLATION

- If you do not have a Re-entry Team, encourage your leadership to form one immediately
- The Pastor should not own the re-entry decisions but he should proactively influence the reentry decisions
- Let others/lay leaders/Re-entry Team Members help communicate the reentry decisions

The image features a blue gradient background with abstract white circuit-like lines in the corners. The text is centered and reads:

**YOU DON'T NEED TO GET
IN A RUSH BUT YOU DO
NEED TO GET IT RIGHT**

QUESTIONS I AM HEARING?

- Does the Court Order allowing church gatherings make the State Guidelines a moot point?
- No, the Court Order appears to have dealt with whether churches could gather. It does not address the guidelines directly. The only real connection is it means the guidelines are effective immediately rather than becoming effective on May 20th.

QUESTIONS I AM HEARING?

- Can I just follow CDC guidelines rather than state guidelines?
- Ask yourself why you are asking this question: If it is to minimize the preparation you make? If so, I would caution you to maximize your efforts.
- Currently there are NO “official” CDC Church Reentry Guidelines (only “proposed”).



Regathering Guidelines Comparison May 11, 2020

Guideline	Kentucky	CDC (Proposed)
General		
Continue alternative services when possible (online, drive-in, radio, outdoor, etc.)	✓	✓
Reopen children and youth services after June 15	✓	
Train all staff and volunteers in measures taken	✓	✓
Communicate regathering plan clearly and often to congregation	✓	
Social Distancing		
In-person services should be limited to 33% of building capacity (CDC: Limit size of gatherings in accordance with local & state authorities)	✓	✓
Maintain social distancing radius of at least 6 feet between households (CDC: Consider alternate rows)	✓	✓
Add multiple services in order to maintain proper social distancing		✓
Choirs should be avoided	✓	✓
Avoid physical contact (handshaking, handholding, hugs, etc.)	✓	✓
Restrict access to common areas not in use	✓	
Only one person in restroom at a time and disinfect after each use	✓	
Personal Protective Equipment		
Wear masks during in-person gatherings (except children under 2 years old) (KY Guideline: Including during congregational singing)	✓	✓
Greeters should wear masks and gloves	✓	
Provide masks for congregants who don't have one	✓	
Medical		
Consider taking congregants' temperatures prior to entry	✓	
Encourage congregants who are sick to stay home	✓	✓
Encourage vulnerable populations to avoid in-person gatherings	✓	
Develop a response plan if someone becomes sick		✓
Cleaning & Hygiene Practices		
Ensure facility is properly cleaned and ventilated	✓	✓
Ensure ongoing cleaning and sanitation of frequently touched surfaces	✓	✓
Ensure all water systems are safe after prolonged shutdown		✓
Do not re-aerosolize infectious particles (avoid dry sweeping or high-pressure streams)	✓	
Provide hand sanitizer, handwashing facilities, and no-touch waste baskets	✓	✓
Provide appropriate signage regarding social distancing and proper hygiene	✓	✓
Shared Items		
Do not provide food or beverages	✓	✓
Temporarily limit the sharing of frequently touched objects (hymnals, pens, etc.)		✓
Modify methods used to receive financial contributions		✓



SEEK TO BE MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE...

...TO OBEY GOD

...TO HONOR GOD

...TO STRENGTHEN
YOUR PERSONAL
AND CHURCH
WITNESS IN THE
COMMUNITY

...TO GATHER
SAFELY

...TO SHEPHERD
WELL THE
VULNERABLE IN
YOUR CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY



REMEMBER...




...choices have
consequences

...liabilities your
church may take on if
shortcuts are taken
concerning
precautions


...the church is in the
gospel work

...to avoid making
church's decisions
look political



QUESTIONS I AM HEARING?

- **Should I concern myself with Religious Liberty Concerns?**
- **Yes, and not just the ones impacting our Baptist Family.**



**HERE ARE SOME
GUIDELINES I WOULD
SUGGEST:
EXPRESS YOURSELF
IN WAYS...**


**...DEMONSTRATING
YOUR GREATEST AND
HIGHEST DUTY TO
EXPRESS THE GOSPEL**

**...NOT DEPENDENT ON
YOU HAVING
ASSIGNED MOTIVES
TO OTHERS**

**...COMMUNICATING
“WE ARE IN THIS
TOGETHER”**

**THERE IS GOOD
NEWS:**

**It appears, at both
the state and
national level,
there are those in
positions of
authority
championing
Religious Liberty
issues.**



SURPRISES (TO SOME) IN THE NEW GUIDELINES:

- 33% building occupancy
- Those seeking to speak on behalf of churches sought 40% but...
 - ...33% is mostly consistent with other policies
 - ...with social distancing few, if any, churches would have been able to reach 40%
 - ...all indications point to people returning more slowly to church gatherings than first anticipated.

SURPRISES (TO SOME) IN THE NEW GUIDELINES:

- Singing
- The original guidelines were very restrictive and probably could not have been honored if the church was to be faithful in obeying/worshipping God.
- The “softened” guidelines help BUT there are legitimate concerns about congregational singing.
- PLEASE TAKE THE GUIDELINES SERIOUSLY

SURPRISES (TO SOME) IN THE NEW GUIDELINES:

- **Bathrooms**
- **This guideline appears to single out the church compared to Wal-Mart, Target, etc...**

SURPRISES (TO SOME) IN THE NEW GUIDELINES:

- Taking Temperatures
- This guideline once again appears to single out the church compared to Wal-Mart, Target, etc...
- Offer this if you can (probably will have to be voluntarily) BUT no matter what you do, do not ignore the guidelines about people attending worship who have fevers, signs of illness, or people who had close contact with those with symptoms (Read Guidelines for details).

The following is MY effort at Babylon Bee sarcasm:

How do we “police” these efforts?

Here are some possibilities:

Mask Militia

Bathroom Brigade

Toilet Troopers

Handshake Hatchetmen

Choir Cops

Sanitizing Saints

Distance Deputies

Hug Halters

Worship Warden

Glove Guerillas

Singing Snipers

Bathroom Bouncers

Cleaning Combatants

Thermometer Tyrants

Joy Juggernauts

SARCASM has ended...back to the presentation....

HOW CAN WE FOLLOW THIS?

Remember our crowds will be smaller due to social distancing/occupancy/caution

A number of churches have restrooms that are designed for one person at a time

Could we provide the necessary supplies in each restroom and then use signage asking each individual using the restroom to wipe down everything they touch **AS WELL AS** ask everyone who enters to wipe down anything they will touch before they use the facilities?



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