



FIRST METROPOLITAN CHURCH 'TOGETHER AT LAST' ReEntry Protocols



FIRST MET REENTRY PROTOCOLS

TOGETHER AT LAST

COVID-19 has forced churches to make a slew of difficult decisions over the past few months and you've all done an amazing job keeping your communities connected from afar. As we enter re-openings, there will be more tough calls to make—especially with so many guidelines to follow and phases to work through. Take comfort in knowing that your diligence and preparedness will make for a safe, joyful reunion.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP REGISTRATION

- Attendees can download/review the First Met ReEntry Protocol handbook on the FMC website. [FMC ReEntry Protocol](#)
- Registration link [Together At LAST](#) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/together-at-last-registration-105651231678> to attend service will be located on the [FMC ReEntry Protocol](#) page of the website. Attendees must read the reentry protocol handbook, read and accept the covenant of care for covid19 to complete their registration.
- Registration accepted Monday – Friday for the following Sunday the prior Worship.
- Ticket arrives in the contact person's email as a pdf.
- Deacon Ministry will export registrations on Saturday to complete worship area set-up for Sunday. They will also provide a checklist of all registrants for that Sunday to use at check-in.
- Office Administration will have access to the registrations to answer questions regarding online registration.

WHO SHOULD STAY AT HOME?

- The CDC suggests that persons 65 and older and persons with underlying condition, not attend in-person worship.
- In the event you arrive, and you have a fever we will kindly ask that you return home and experience online worship.

SANITIZING

- A professional janitorial service or team of volunteers will in accordance with the CDC guidelines clean and sanitize the facility.
- CDC hospital grade disinfectant will be used when cleaning all chairs, handrails, door handles and other high touch areas before and after service.

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SOCIAL DISTANCING

- We will always be practicing social distancing.
- We ask that you maintain 6 feet from others, and if someone is near you, please give them 6 feet to get to their designated area or their seats.
- Floor will be marked with social distancing protocols.

VOLUNTEERS

- Our pre-selected volunteers/staff should arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the commencement of the service so they can be screened and in their place prior to the doors being opened.
- All volunteers must report to the safety station before going to their assigned area.
- All volunteers must wear a mask on campus and will be given one if necessary.

PARKING LOT

- Please follow the directions by our Parking Attendants and if one is not visible, please follow the signage.
- They will advise you when it is appropriate to exit your vehicle.

LOBBY

- Due to the reduced capacity of the lobby we may ask that you remain in your cars until parking attendee signals for you to line up.
- The sidewalk will be marked for social distancing, and we ask that you abide by this protocol.
- **Everyone entering our facility will have their temperature taken by a non-contact Infrared Thermometer.**
- We ask that all worshippers wear a mask on campus and if you do not have one, we will provide one.
- Once inside our safety team will ensure you have hand sanitizer and a greeter will escort you to sanctuary doors and an usher will escort you to your seats.
- If you are worshipping with your family and desire to sit together, please arrive and enter the building together.
- **NO ACCESS TO THE ELEVATOR OR UPSTAIRS OR THE MATURE ADULT ROOM AND NEW MEMBERS ROOM.**
- Refrain from touching surfaces except your seat
- We plan to have a person(s) to touch up high touch areas during service (door handles etc.) and monitor the two-person occupancy in the restrooms.
- This will also be done between services.

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RESTROOMS

- Should you need to use the restroom while in worship, please use the designated exit doors.
- Respect the established restroom occupancy (two people) and wait on the designated social distancing line to return to your seats.
- This will allow us to abide by social distancing standards.
- Most importantly please wash your hands for the recommended time (20 seconds) and take advantage of the hand sanitizer stations that will be conveniently located around the lobby.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Clean and disinfect any high touch areas and equipment and microphones before and after use.
- This includes any equipment that will be shared by others.
- Praise and worship music/announcements will be pre-recorded and played on the screens

SEATING

- Chairs (black) from the teen room will be arranged according to the social distancing guidelines of 6 ft apart and 6 ft between rows.
- If you are a family, you are welcome to move your chairs closer together.
- Please work with our Worship Attendants as they are following the recommended guidelines to allow spacing between you and
- others and spacing between rows.
- Those with small children will have an area on the “kitchen side” of the sanctuary, so that you can easily access the designated exit doors.

SERVICE

- We want everyone to enjoy worship and praise right there at your designated seat.
- We will not approach the altar during this first phase.
- We also ask that you keep your masks on in the building.

OFFERING

- We will not pass the offering buckets.
- Offering envelopes can be obtained from a Worship Attendant, and worshippers can place their offerings in the designated offering boxes in the rear of the sanctuary or lobby as they exit.
- If possible, please continue or begin to give your tithes & offerings through: Automatic Bank Draft, the Kiosk, PushPay or Fellowship One.

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INVITATION

- The invitation to Christ, discipleship and church membership will be made at the end of service and anyone wanting to respond will be led to fill out the connect card on their smart device or given a number to text.

DISMISSAL

- Worshippers will be directed from the pulpit to exit from back to front by row.
- Please work with the ushers to ensure we do our best to maintain social distancing and we ask that you return to your cars and refrain from gathering in groups in the parking lot.
- Please know your attendance is an act of faith and **your** choice to worship with us.
- Everyone will enter the front door and participate in the screening process and hand sanitizer stations.
- All designated volunteers must remain on campus following service until worshippers are safely back in their cars

PHASE 1 – OCTOBER 4

- Registration for tickets online (50-100 ppl)
- One On-site Service from 8am - 9am
- No Culinary, No Belonging Moment during On-site service
- No On-site Children's Ministry services
- Online Worship from 10am - 11am
- No Small Groups, Ministry Meetings at First Met Facilities

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COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness.

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

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

[Learn more on cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

