



COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES FOR REOPENING

As the discussion shifts to the reopening of churches since the spread of COVID-19, Rockvale Baptist Church (RBC) will implement certain safety measures to help protect those attending our Sunday services. These safety measures coincide with the recommended guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since these measures are temporary, the pastor and deacons will assess the situation on a weekly basis. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and cooperation during an unprecedented and difficult time for us all.

1. Social distancing will be encouraged and practiced to the best of our ability.
2. There will be two separate Sunday worship services – 9:30am and 11:00am.
3. Adult and children Sunday school classes and the 11:00am L.I.T. Youth Program will be suspended until further notice. The Youth will attend the worship service in the sanctuary.
4. Kidtricity will be available for children in the Fellowship Hall. However, every effort will be made to properly distance the children. All children will enter and exit Kidtricity through the Fellowship Hall side door to prevent congestion in the hallway and stairwell.
5. Parents and/or guardians will be asked to pick up and drop off the children at the side door. In the event of bad weather, an area in the parking lot near the side door will be left open so you can drive the children down to drop them off.
6. The nursery will be suspended until further notice.
7. The bus ministry will be suspended until further notice.
8. Point Group (small group ministry) meetings will be done via Zoom.
9. Wednesday Bible study will continue to be livestreamed via Facebook Live.
10. Certain doors will be open before and during services to create good ventilation and to avoid contact with door handles.
11. The RBC safety team will monitor these doors during services to ensure the safety of those worshipping.
12. Hand sanitizer will be placed in five key areas of the sanctuary to facilitate good hand hygiene.
13. The water cooler will not be available to prevent contamination.
14. We strongly encourage all to refrain from handshakes and hugs.
15. All hymnals and pens will be removed from the sanctuary pew racks.
16. Every other pew will be closed for seating to facilitate social distancing.
17. The choir loft will be available for overflow seating if needed. However, the first choir loft pew will be closed for seating.
18. The offering plates will not be passed in the traditional manner, but there are still several ways to give. You can drop your tithes and offerings in a collection plate located at the back of the sanctuary as you leave. You can participate in online giving by going to www.rockvalebc.org/give. You can mail your check to the church.



19. After the worship services, please be mindful of those around you by trying to distance yourself as you leave. Try not to congest the center aisle and vestibule area. Please feel free to fellowship outside.
20. The pastor will not be at the door at the end of the service. This is for his protection and yours and will help with the flow of the exiting crowd.
21. If you have a face mask or some type of face-covering and you want to wear it, please feel free to do so.
22. If you feel sick or if someone in your household is sick, please stay home.
23. If you still feel uncomfortable with gathering, we encourage you to stay home, especially if you are considered "high risk."
24. The 11:00am Sunday worship service will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook for those that cannot attend.
25. All cleaning practices put in place at the beginning of this outbreak are still in place and have continued weekly throughout the shutdown.