

Phase Two Reopen Plan

May 29, 2021

Smithfield Baptist Church

IN EFFECT SUNDAY, MAY 30

Please note that the following guidelines for children apply only to Smithfield Baptist Church, not to its Preschool.

Smithfield Baptist Church will observe the following directives now that The Executive Order, number seventy-nine (2021), by the Governor of Virginia, ended the commonsense public health restrictions due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). [Go to <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2021/may/headline-895235-en.html>.]

I. Wearing of Masks Indoors

Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance themselves. Individuals who are NOT fully vaccinated **should** continue to wear a mask while indoors.

There is no way to confirm between people fully vaccinated and those who are not. Therefore, every person must bear the responsibility to act following their Christian calling to look out for the interests of others, not just their own (see Phil. 2:3-8).

For clarification, the CDC considers a person fully vaccinated for COVID-19 greater than or equal to two (≥ 2) weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). Or greater than or equal to two (≥ 2) weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson [J&J]/Janssen) plus or minus; there is currently no post-vaccination time limit on fully vaccinated status.

II. Mask Recommendation

All individuals in the Commonwealth **aged five and older** should cover their mouth and nose with a mask following the Center for Disease Control and Protection guidance linked [here](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html). (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>.) If there is a conflict between the sector-specific guidelines and this section, the sector-specific policies govern.

The vaccine is now available for children ages twelve (12) and older. The CDC recommends that all children be vaccinated.

We do recommend a mask for children ages five (5) to eleven (11).

III. Safety Protocols

The church will continue to observe safety protocols as we move forward. The Safety Protocols are listed below.

Children and Youth Gatherings

Preschool, Children, and Youth activities are available on Sunday mornings. Preschool and Elementary children meet at 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Youth meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. We request that adults and children follow the rules listed under "Safety Protocols."

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday morning Bible studies for adults will resume in the classrooms at 9:40 a.m. A hybrid Bible study—on-campus and Zoom—will simultaneously accommodate both those who can attend in-person and those who may be unable to come due to distance or poor health.

Weekly Church Activities

Some church activities may resume sooner than others. Please check the church website, its Facebook page, and *The Grapevine* (newsletter) for updates.

Safety Protocols

Please observe the following actions for yours and others safety:

- Stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days. For COVID-19 symptoms, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entry and exit points.
- The passing of collection plates will commence during services. The opportunity to give online is available.

Contact the church office at (757) 357-2536 or by email at secretary@smithfieldbaptist.org if you have questions.

Church Council
May 20, 2021