

Phasing In Services at the Williston Church of God

We've been receiving counsel from various services including **David Gibbs** from the **NCLL (National Center for Life and Liberty)** on how to return to our normal operations.

Churches have been classified into one of **3 Categories...** **Low infection areas...****Medium infection areas...****High infection areas**

WCOG is regarded as **Low / Medium** (**Low** because we are in a **rural area with few cases of Covid-19...**but **Medium** because we have a **larger church with 350-400 attenders** and a **High Percentage of Seniors (high risk group)**).

Low Infection - Consider around **May 17th** to begin meeting

Medium Infection - Consider around **June 7th** to begin meeting

High Infection - Consider around **July 6th** to begin meeting

We have decided to try to begin at the low infection guidelines but to phase it in slowly instead of waiting until the Medium Infection start up of June 7th.

To do this we will be making some **significant changes** to our services. **Prepare NOW!**

First Morning Worship Service - May 24th (10:30 - 12:00)

- No Sunday School or Sunday Night Service
- No Bible Block (Children's church) or Nursery (sit together as a family)
- Choir Practice - May 24th at 9:30..to prepare for Sunday Service
- Practice 6' Social Distancing (Families can sit together)..No hugging, hand shaking, sanitizing ingredients provided, and masks will be provided for those in the High Risk Category.
- Dismissal will be by rows, with minimal congregating in the building
- Offering will be given at the door as you leave the service
- Restrooms will be monitored to allow one person at a time
- You will be escorted to seat section according to the door you come in

Tuesday Night (May 26th) - We will resume our Men & Women's Prayer Time

Wednesday Night (7:00-8:00) (May 27th) - We will have a Prayer & Praise Meeting

We will **evaluate** these guidelines further and make adjustment after 2 weeks

We have been **strongly advised** to not have VBS this year so we will eliminate it.

We are phasing this in to allow us to **get back together sooner rather than later** but we need to be **conscious of the health of others** and our **witness to the world**.

If you are a **Senior Citizen** or in the **High Risk Group** and don't feel comfortable about returning this soon please do not feel guilty. **Return when you are comfortable.**

We can seat 275-300 in the sanctuary and keep social distancing. If we have more we will have to seat the overflow in the family life wing to watch it on screen. It will probably be an abbreviated service