

Phase 2 COVID-19 Protocol

Welcome to Odessa First Assembly! During unprecedented times, we are thankful that we still have the privilege of meeting together to worship the Lord, pray, study the Bible and encourage each other in our faith. We are committed to making this the safest place possible, but even more, we look to the Lord as our protector and healer!

One of our core statements at OFA is "Living Life Together." This season has put this to the test, but more than ever we are reminded that we are in this together. We deeply appreciate your understanding and willingness to make adjustments as we go. It has not been easy on any of us, so we're thankful for everyone's grace.

During phase two, we are having in person Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m.

Please note the following guidelines and/ or recommendations:

- 1. If you are sick, have a fever over 100.4, present any signs of cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have been in contact with anyone who has had COVID-19 in the past 14 days, please stay home.** We care about your health and safety as well as that of others in our church.
- 2. We encourage the use of masks** until you are seated, especially in the foyer, but it is not a requirement. **All leaders are asked to wear masks in the foyer, child check-in areas and where distancing is not possible.**
- 3. Our sanctuary has been reset to allow for social distancing.** We will tape off certain pews each service to make it easier to follow the 6-foot guidelines between family units. We are not going to be the social distancing police. We will post the guidelines, communicate them often and encourage you to follow them.
4. Common areas and gathering spaces of the building will be limited.
5. Before every service, the sanctuary, seating and all high-touch surfaces will be disinfected. We will only allow people in the room after that procedure is complete.
- 6. Hand-sanitizing stations** are set up throughout the building. We encourage their frequent use.
7. If you need to sneeze or cough, please cover your mouth and nose or sneeze into your elbow or tissue.

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8. We will be frequently wiping down surfaces in the restrooms and other high-touch areas.
9. Offerings can be placed in the offering boxes in the back of the sanctuary. We also encourage online giving at www.odessafirstassembly.com.
10. Instead of hugs and shaking hands, we encourage you to **wave, smile, and give air hugs.**
11. If you are high risk because of age or underlying health conditions, health officials encourage you to stay home and continue watching online. We also care about your spiritual health, so we respect your decision to stay home, but we will also do our best as a church family to protect you as you come to church.
12. We saved the best for last—our children! **We're now having kids church at 11 a.m. only for Adventure Kids and Explorers Club (elementary-age and preschool children)!** As of now there are no nurseries for infants and toddlers. (We are working to open, provided that we have sufficient childcare and volunteers.) Check-in will be upon your arrival to church, where temperatures will be checked, and important information is provided. We are doing our best to provide distancing and sanitizing opportunities for them.

If your children are going to join you in service, feel free to bring a blanket and toys for your toddlers and babies to be comfortable on the floor. **Don't worry about the noise.** We are glad you and your child are worshipping with us! We will have a room for nursing mothers and a wiggle/ giggle room/ area if your child gets too restless. Those areas will have limited occupancy due to the size of the rooms, and should have the livestream going on the screen.

You've done a beautiful job of loving and caring for others in this season. Many are coming to church that are being cautious due to health risks or family with health risks. Many have said they appreciate the lengths we've all gone to help them still be able to come to church safely. Let's keep that same attitude of love and concern through this season. We still keep our hope in the Lord, and believe that it is going to get better! We continue to declare Psalm 91 over you all.