



## CHURCH WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT BUT WE ARE RE-OPENING ON-SITE WORSHIP!

### **PHASE 1** of Fremont Nazarene Church Re-Opening Plan

Re-Opening “On-Site” Sunday morning worship services, July 12, 2020

8:30 AM *Traditional Service in Shaw Ministry Center (S.M.C)*

10:30 AM *Contemporary Service in Sanctuary (Live Streamed) w/overflow in S.M.C.*

We are absolutely thrilled to be re-opening the Fremont Nazarene Church campus to on site worship again. The gathering of God’s people for worship, fellowship and growth in grace is an essential part of all our lives and we can’t wait to be back together again. We thank the Lord for the technology and those who have invested so much time and effort into providing us with our weekly online worship experience(s).

These efforts and offerings will continue as we re-open, and we are taking steps to enhance these technology efforts for the sake of those who may not immediately return to campus, for those who are sick, and for those in our community for whom their first step of grace is to view a service online before coming to an onsite worship service.

What follows in this document are important details for you to know as we return to on-site Sunday morning worship services. We ask you to please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the contents of this document because we will be following the Nebraska DHHS guidelines for re-opening in order to provide an environment that is positive and safe for the health and well-being of all.

## Guidelines For Re-Opening (per Nebraska DHHS Guidelines):

- 1) Those who have upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms and those who live with them are asked to worship at home via Fremont Nazarene's Facebook Livestream (@FremontNazareneChurch) or the church's website: [www.fremontnazarene.org](http://www.fremontnazarene.org).
- 2) Those who have COVID-19, live with someone who has COVID-19, or who have had prolonged exposure to someone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are asked to worship at home via Fremont Nazarene's Facebook Livestream (@FremontNazareneChurch) or the church's website: [www.fremontnazarene.org](http://www.fremontnazarene.org).
- 3) We are gladly welcoming back the elderly, those with underlying medical conditions and those who care for these more vulnerable members of the Fremont Nazarene family, however we recognize that a decision to return to on-site worship should be made based upon the individual's / family / caregiver's choice and conscience. *If you choose not to return immediately please remember that you are loved, we value you and respect your decision and will rejoice when you feel it's the right time for you to return to on-site worship.* Until that time, please continue to utilize our online options.
- 4) Family units (defined by DHHS guidelines as members of a household who live together) are required to sit together and ***children are to remain with their families.*** Small children should be assisted by their parents or guardians in going to the restroom. Additionally, parents and guardians should help their children practice social distancing when entering and exiting the service(s). Widows / widowers may join other family members or a different family unit if both parties agree.
- 5) Seating will be arranged in such a way as to *maintain six feet of social distance* from other family units. For our sanctuary, this will accommodate approximately 136 people based upon seating arrangements adjusted for family units of various sizes (1 - 6). For the Shaw Ministry Center this will accommodate approximately 100 people based upon a family units of four.
- 6) Though it goes against the grain of our perfectly normal and emotionally appropriate tendencies and habits we ask you to please refrain from giving handshakes or hugs and not to congregate in the foyer areas with other families upon entering or exiting the building. We also ask that you please practice six feet of social distancing between you and other family units while in the Shaw Ministry Center or Sanctuary.

## What Happens Once I Arrive (per Nebraska DHHS Guidelines):

- 1) Please enter through the exterior and interior doors marked "ENTRANCE."
- 2) Weather permitting, all entrance doors will be propped open so you do not have to touch the handles and upon completion of the service you attend, the exit door will be propped open.

- 3) Doors will be unlocked and opened 20 minutes prior to service. This will allow our hosts / ushers to assist you in locating a seating arrangement appropriate for the size of your family. We have family units of different sizes (individuals up to family units of 7) and appreciate your flexibility in sitting in places you might not normally sit in order to help us accommodate seating for as many people as we can.
- 4) As you are waiting for a host / usher to help you find an appropriate seat for your family unit size, please maintain six feet of social distance from other family units.
- 5) We will be using the Shaw Ministry Center (S.M.C) as “overflow” seating for the 10:30am service. If you / your family unit are willing to sit in the S.M.C. to view the service on the screen should we reach capacity in the sanctuary would you please email the Church Office ([churchoffice@fremontnazarene.org](mailto:churchoffice@fremontnazarene.org)) prior to end of day, July 10, 2020 and let us know?
- 6) There will be 4 tables with 6 chairs at the back of the sanctuary to assist families with small children (toddlers / pre-school aged) who need to keep their hands busy during “big church.” Tables will be provided in the “overflow” seating of the S.M.C. as well. These tables are available on a first come, first served basis and we appreciate our families keeping in mind the needs of these families with “little people” before sitting at these tables.
- 7) While we are not requiring the wearing of masks to on-site worship, we are encouraging you to do so for the sake of others. We will have masks on-site should you need one. We do ask that all individuals and families be respectful of each person’s choice (to wear a mask or not) and treat them with kindness, dignity and love.

### What We’re Doing For the Health and Well-Being of All (per Nebraska DHHS Guidelines):

- 1) The building will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized with CDC approved disinfectants including door handles, light switches, hard surfaces, chairs, restrooms, musical equipment and audio / visual equipment. This will happen before and after services.
- 2) There will be hand sanitizer dispensers in the foyer areas of both the Shaw Ministry Center and the Sanctuary.
- 3) We will have staff and volunteers present to assist in maintaining the health and well-being of those present to worship on-site. Please remember to practice social distancing around those who are serving you as well.
- 4) We will not be “passing the plates” for tithes and offerings. There will be offering plates with volunteers positioned at the exits of both the Shaw Ministry Center and the Sanctuary for you to place your checks. We also encourage you to take advantage of our other giving options:
  - Mail your check to 960 Johnson Rd. Fremont, NE 68025.
  - Set up an ongoing “auto draft” with your bank.
  - Website: [www.fremontnazarene.org](http://www.fremontnazarene.org) | At the top, under the church logo, click “Give”

- Download the free GivePlus+ App from the Google or Apple stores | Put in your name and Fremont Church of the Nazarene...then follow the directed steps provided.
  - Text Giving: Text the amount you would like to give to Fremont Nazarene Church's secure text giving number - 833.545.0330. You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter you contact and payment information. Then tap the "Process" button.
- 5) Upon your entrance to the sanctuary we will have a cart with hand sanitizer and containers with sanitized pens (should you need one), giving envelopes and bulletins. We ask you to please use one squirt of hand sanitizer before you receive a pen, envelope or bulletin. If you use a church provided pen, please return it in the container by the church exit.
  - 6) We will be dismissing you by family units, beginning with the back rows. We ask for your patience and kindness as this will take time to empty the Sanctuary and Shaw Ministry Center.
  - 7) Communion will be received, however, we will be utilizing pre-sealed communion elements that will be placed on your seat prior to the service.
  - 8) During service we will not be doing "Meet n' Greet," instead we'll smile, wave & say hello.
  - 9) Coffee will not be served or provided at this point, but you are welcomed to bring your own.
  - 10) Due to the limited space and need for practicing social distancing, we are asking for the use of the men's and women's restrooms to be one person at a time. Thank you for your patience.
  - 11) For our Traditional Service in the Shaw Ministry Center, we will provide you with a hymnal that has been sanitized for you take home and bring back with you on a weekly basis. We will also have the lyrics of the songs projected on the screen for you.
  - 12) We are asking that each person / family to bring their own Bibles to service on a weekly basis. If you need a Bible, we will be happy to supply you with one.

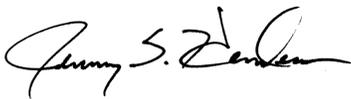
### Information for Families with Children:

- 1) Your child will be in the Shaw Ministry Center or the Sanctuary with you. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to worship together as families. Children are welcomed and loved and are valued as members of the Fremont Nazarene Church family.
- 2) We encourage you to view having your children with you in worship as an opportunity to teach, train and answer questions they may have. Take advantage of teachable moments. We recognize that the presence of children in the service means that our time together may be a little noisier than normal. *This doesn't offend God and it doesn't offend your pastor or staff.* Remember, Jesus rebuked his disciples for not allowing the children to come to him and He often used children as examples of the type of faith we should all possess. This being said, we also ask you as parents and guardians to *help your children to respect the worship experience of others* by keeping them with you while on-site, assisting them in maintaining social distancing, escorting them to and from the bathrooms and helping them to use their "inside voices" during service.

- 3) Activity bags will be available for families with children on a weekly basis. Grab one upon entering the sanctuary or S.M.C. *They will be sanitized each week and fresh / sanitized contents will be provided on a weekly basis.* We also encourage you as parents to bring items for your child to keep their hands busy, whether it be fidget spinners, a favorite stuffed animal, drawing pads / coloring books with crayons / pencils. You may want to consider bringing a snack / drink for your child as well, but remember not to share the snack / drink with other family units. Please also remember to take your trash with you and throw it away upon exiting the service.
- 4) We encourage you to remember that getting ready for Sunday worship gatherings *actually begins on Saturdays.*
- Start talking with your child about what to expect and what not to expect, what they're allowed to do and what they're not.
  - Share with them that we'll be entering and exiting the church differently than normal, but that there will be lots of things the same - we'll sing together and hear a message from Pastor Jeremy.
  - Let them know that there will not be Naz Kidz Ministry, that you'll be sitting together as a family and that there will be kid's bags for them to use and what you'll be bringing for them.
  - Please also communicate with them that they need to stay with you (even to use the restroom), that they're not to run in the building and that unfortunately, at this time, they won't be able to sit with their friends or play with them, but also emphasize the positive elements - they will be able to see their friends and church family and be able to worship Jesus together again.

One final word to everyone...thank you for your faithfulness, flexibility, patience and kindness as we navigate the waters of COVID-19 as a church. We are working on Phase 2 re-opening strategies and will communicate those to you as soon as we can. You have been so loving and supportive and we want to thank you for your faithful generosity. Please know that you are loved and prayed for and that we can't wait to see you again. We are so much better together!

Yours and His,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeremy S. Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

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Lead Pastor  
Fremont Nazarene Church