

GUIDELINES FOR RESTARTING THE 7:00 AM SERVICES AT UWI

ENCOURAGE AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS AND THOSE WITH SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS TO STAY AT HOME

People in high-risk demographics are encouraged to not physically attend regular worship services. Vulnerable individuals (the elderly and people with certain underlying medical conditions) should remain at home. Live-stream worship services will continue on Facebook and later posted on Youtube.

EXERCISE BEST SANITATION PRACTICES

Sanitation practices will be implemented following protocols circulated by the UWI Secretariat. These include:

- Take the temperature of people who attend services.
- Require everyone to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Remind members to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Encourage members to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- During the initial phases, the use of shared Prayer Books and hymnals will be discouraged. If they are used they will be regularly sanitized according to best practices.

MAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS

In addition to the sanitation practices, the following guidelines will be put in place:

- Do not pass offering bags, but instead collect tithes and offerings in a central collection basket (such a basket will be placed near the back of the chapel). Online giving will be encouraged.
- Close interaction is discouraged.
- Do not pass out literature such as church bulletins. If you do pass our material, ensure that ushers are wearing gloves and that any material handed out to parishioners has been sanitized.
- When administering the Lord's Supper, the Common Cup will not be used. The element of bread will be provided individually. The goal of these practices is to ensure that multiple people do not come into contact with the same surfaces and objects.

- Greeters at the door will not shake hands with members and visitors. Likewise, the exchange of peace will not include hugging, shaking hands or any physical contact. Waving or bowing will take the place of hand shaking for the foreseeable future.
- Seating configurations will follow the guidelines established by the Secretariat and consistent with increased social distancing. Families are encouraged to sit together but maintain the recommended distance of six feet between them. It is not anticipated that the number of congregants will exceed 50 for the duration of the summer however, if the likelihood occurs a cap will be placed on attendance.

Additionally:

1. The University requires that a mask be worn by each congregant to all services
2. It is a requirement that hand sanitizing be accepted at the entrance by all in attendance
3. Following on the mandatory temperature check (which will be carried out by a [designated usher](#), please note that anyone with a temperature above the 37.5 will not be able to attend the service.
4. Please note that the Chapel has now been converted to facilitate [entry](#) through the main door and [exit](#) through the side door. Signage is in place to indicate same.

FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

So long as restrictions are temporarily applied equally to religious and nonreligious gatherings alike, and there is a good reason for putting them in place, government actions at this time likely will not violate religious freedom protections. Romans 13 instructs Christians to be subject to the governing authorities. The civil authorities have a difficult task ahead, and we should seek to be a part of the solution through cooperation and service to our communities, as we relate to government and local officials responsible for implementing the national guidelines.

(Adapted from <https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF20D30.pdf>)