

# Covid-19 Policy and Procedure

Riverview Baptist Church

Bixby, Oklahoma

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## SCOPE:

This policy is in effect now and will remain in effect until further notice. This policy applies to all services and activities held at the main campus of Riverview Baptist Church. Church staff, RBC members, and guests should be familiar with and adhere to these policies in order to ensure the safety of everyone who attends Riverview.

## POLICY:

Riverview Baptist Church is enacting this policy to provide church staff, members, and guests with information regarding personal interaction, personal responsibilities, and building restrictions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. While it is impossible to completely eliminate all risk of being infected this policy is being implemented in order to reduce exposure to the Coronavirus while attending services or activities at Riverview Baptist Church.

## PROCEDURE:

- We will continue to practice social distancing by refraining from shaking hands, hugging, and standing or sitting too close to one another.
- We will continue to provide social distance seating in the sanctuary with overflow seating in the East Hallway, and Adult 1 Classroom if necessary.
- Outside doors will be propped open for 20 minutes before and after each service begins.
- Door greeters will stand back from the doors and offer verbal greetings only.
- We will not be distributing hard copies of bulletins or sermon notes.
- We will not be passing offering plates throughout the congregation. Offering boxes will be available at the back of the church.
- Until further notice Riverview Baptist Church will offer two worship services on Sunday Mornings to allow easier social distancing between worshippers.
- The **8:30** Worship Service will be geared toward Senior Adults, and Empty Nesters.
  - Hymns accompanied by a piano, and the sermon.
  - **NO CHILDCARE** of any kind.
- The **10:45** Worship Service will continue as normal.
  - This worship service will also be available live on **Youtube Live**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJb3uXtQNfmEz2qQveoLr6Q>

- Enhanced sanitizing will take place before various activities begin, and between worship services on Sunday morning.
  - Spraying sanctuary seats with sanitizer.
  - Wiping down high traffic areas with sanitizer. (Doors, handles, handrails, etc.)
- If you have **tested positive** for COVID-19 please do not come back to church until you have been released by your doctor.
- Contact the Riverview church office at **918-369-2055**.
  - We will need to know when your symptoms started, and which church event you attended.
- If you or anyone in your family are sick or **showing symptoms** associated with Covid-19, you must stay home and consider being tested.
- If you have been in direct **contact** with anyone who is COVID-19 positive you must stay home, self-isolate for 14 days, and consider getting tested.
- If you have a serious medical condition, or you have a compromised immune system it is strongly recommended that you should stay home.
  - \*\* **Masks will not be required**, but if for your own safety and peace of mind please feel free to wear a mask anytime you attend Riverview Baptist Church.
  - \*\* RBC will follow the direction of the Bixby City Council and the Governor's office concerning mandatory facemasks.

## CLOSING STATEMENT

Our chief goal is to glorify God in all we do. We believe providing a safe and clean environment for worship, Bible studies, and other church events is a part of the God honoring mission of RBC. To that end you can rest assured that the Riverview Staff along with many volunteers will stay up to date with current CDC and government recommendations. We will work diligently to provide a clean and safe place of worship, and make any decisions and adjustments necessary to keep people who attend Riverview safe and healthy.

### Colossians 3:12–15

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

### \*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE

Additional policies and procedures for **Children's and Preschool Ministries** can be found at [www.riverview-church.org/children](http://www.riverview-church.org/children).