

## **FAQ's about our COVID-19 Plan**

### **How does seating work?**

No need to sign up or wait to be seated in the Auditorium or Fellowship Hall. Limited seating is available in the annex where masks and 6 foot spacing between households is required.

### **Will we pass an offering plate?**

Not at this point. The offering plate is located in the foyer. You can always mail checks (425 McDaniel Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303) or give online ([gcot.org/giving](http://gcot.org/giving)).

### **Will we practice communion?**

Yes, on the first Sunday of each month. Each person who participates will take one set of cups. The top cup will have the juice and the cup it is resting in will have the bread.

### **Will you hand out bulletins?**

We plan to begin providing bulletins to those that want them on the first Sunday in January. We will continue to send a weekly announcement email on Fridays. If you would like to receive the weekly email, contact [mary@gcot.org](mailto:mary@gcot.org).

### **What is the plan for sanitizing the building?**

The security team disinfects all “high-touch” areas before each service. While we are striving to provide a healthy environment living in a fallen world means risk is always present.

### **Can I help with the logistics?**

If you are a member of GCOT, we'd love to have you help with our security team ([Mark@gcot.org](mailto:Mark@gcot.org)), ushering team ([Keith@gcot.org](mailto:Keith@gcot.org)), media team ([Larry@gcot.org](mailto:Larry@gcot.org)), or nursery ([Mary@gcot.org](mailto:Mary@gcot.org)).

### **Do you have a nursery?**

There is a nursery for toddler – age 5. For more information, email [Mary@gcot.org](mailto:Mary@gcot.org).

### **What precautions are being taken in the nursery?**

We will be taking temperatures of the children and volunteers. Volunteers will wear masks, but children are not required to.

### **Can children attend the worship service?**

Yes! Children are welcome to attend with their parents. Currently, there is a section in the Fellowship Hall with round tables set up. This is a great place for those with young children to sit (it allows you to hem your kids in at a table and gives them a place for drawing etc.).

## FAQ's Regarding Our Approach to COVID-19 Policy Making

### Are we violating the command to submit to government by not requiring masks?

- The Governor's [executive order](#) (9/25/20) essentially turns local COVID ordinances into recommendations rather than requirements or laws.
- We don't want you to violate your conscience on this matter – wear a mask if you believe not wearing one would be disobedient to the authorities in a way that violates Romans 13.

### Are cases rising in Leon County? If so, should that drive our policies?

- The reported cases in Leon county have been slowly rising over the past few weeks.
- A simple rise in reported cases is not the best method for making a policy decision. The more significant factors are the severity of the cases, hospital capacity, and fatality rates. These can be related to case numbers, but a simple case count does not give enough information to drive policy decisions. You may find [this excerpt](#) from a roundtable discussion the Governor held with several experts helpful on this issue ([click here](#) for the whole discussion).

### Are our guidelines and precautions reasonable?

- We must live with our hope in the Lord rather than percentages while we seek to make reasonable decisions based on facts.
- That said, we considered information provided by the CDC's "[COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Scenarios.](#)" Their current estimated *Infection Fatality Ratio* (see below) makes us believe that our current policy is not unreasonable.

#### **Estimated Infection Fatality Ratio:**

0-19 years:	0.00003	(survival rate is 99.997%)
20-49 years:	0.0002	(survival rate is 99.98%)
50-69 years:	0.005	(survival rate is 99.5%)
70+ years:	0.054	(survival rate is 94.6%)