

Zoar's OpenSafely Guidelines – Phase 1

The Goal: To provide a safe environment for worship. Zoar will “adhere to strict mitigation standards to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This will require spacing of individuals and small groups, limiting concentration of people, strict use of PPE and frequent sanitizing” -- OpenSafely by Office of State Fire Marshal.

Occupant Capacity: Maximum capacity to achieve 25% will be based upon 1 person per 60 square feet of net useable seating area, or 25% of the posted capacity by order of State Fire Marshal; Seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Overflow rooms will be available after capacity is reached.)

Individuals who attend worship are asked to follow these requirements/guidelines as outlined in “OpenSafely , Phase 1 – Places of Worship”

Seating shall be arranged such that **a minimum of 6 feet of distance between persons** and small groups is maintained;

Avoid assigned seating within 8 feet from the center of the main aisle to allow for circulation and egress;

Limit group seating to persons who are members of the same household;

Human contact as part of services shall be eliminated;

Interior gathering spaces shall not be used. **Waiting may be provided outside following distancing guidelines or in cars. Doors will open 20 minutes prior to service time.**

Eliminate gatherings in the building while entering, exiting, or moving about.

Higher risk individuals should continue to shelter at home.

Ushers/Managers will assist in seating and exiting the building.

Guidelines for crowd management, leadership requirements and sanitization as outlined in “OpenSafely, Phase 1 – Places of Worship” from the Office of State Fire Marshal will also be observed.

The goal of these guidelines is to provide a safe place for worship.

Worship services will be available on the Zoar Website –www.zoarbaptist.org, FaceBook Live, and YouTube.

