

I Am Church - Central/East Campus

Reopening Plan

May 31st - June 30th, 2020

Introduction:

*God hasn't given us a spirit of fear but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
2 Timothy 1:7*

While developing this plan, we did not act out of fear. We have developed this plan with love while being thoughtful about every individual. It is our desire to ensure that all attendees of I Am Church feel safe and comfortable while attending church during the initial Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th) and beyond.

As we navigate through this process, we ask that you use good judgement. If you feel sick, have a fever, or any other symptoms of a virus to please stay home and rest until you fully recover per your primary physician's orders.

Thank you for being *the church* while we have been only worshipping from our locations via Livestream. We love you and miss you.

With Love,

Pastors Rick and Rene Satterfield

Phase 1:

I Am Church leadership will begin to meet in-person on May 11th. They will continue to meet in groups of less than 10 to strategically design a safe and comfortable environment for attendees. In addition, the leadership and volunteers of I Am Church will meet in groups larger than 10 via conference calls, as needed.

Phase 2:

Our small groups will begin meeting again at East Campus starting May 31st, 2020 with our weekly prayer night at 6:30 pm. The I Am Church Men's Group will begin on June 1st, 2020, also meeting at East Campus at 6:30 pm.

Our congregational *worship services will reopen beginning Sunday, May 31st, 2020 with one new service time.* Please see the service times and reopening dates below for more information.

Location	Day/Time	Reopening Date
Central Campus	Sundays at 11:00 am	May 31st, 2020

East Campus	Wednesdays at 6:30 pm	July 1st, 2020
East Campus	Sundays at 9:00 am	August 2nd, 2020

We have outlined a plan that will help us ease into this new territory. It is our hope to make everyone feel comfortable and safe.

Face masks are not required, however, have been suggested by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Masks will be available to those who would like to use one and forget their personal mask at home at each service time.

Kids' Programs:

All children's classes are closed during the initial Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th).

Sunday School and Nursery teachers will be providing "Keep Kids Busy Kits" at the beginning of each Sunday worship service.

During the initial Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th), there will be designated areas for parents to pick up the "Keep Kids Busy Kits." There will be two zones marked "Ages 0-4" and "Ages 5-12." Within these kits, there will be activities, coloring supplies, a snack, quiet toys for toddlers, and other items to help the children during this time. All of these items will be disposable except for the clipboards. We will reuse and disinfect the clipboards after and before each service.

The Sunday School and Nursery teachers will be assigned to the pick-up areas and follow their regular volunteer schedule. Teachers will be provided gloves to distribute the "Keep Kids Busy Kits." Masks will be available upon request.

The "Keep Kids Busy Kits" pick-up area will be open 15 minutes to the start of each service and 15 minutes after each service to drop-off their clipboards.

Momentum Youth Group:

The Momentum Youth Group in-person meetings are closed during the initial Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th).

In order to stay connected with one another and Jesus Christ, weekly Zoom meetings will be held with Jay-Michael Yockey, Youth Pastor. During the Zoom meetings, teens will experience activities and biblical teaching. The Zoom meeting links and information will be posted on the Momentum Youth, I Am Church - East Campus, and I Am Church - Central Facebook pages.

Although the Momentum Youth Group will not be meeting on Wednesday nights, the teenagers of I Am Church are welcome to attend the regular Sunday morning services at 11:00 am with their family. Jay-Michael Yockey will provide them with an interactive way of participating during the sermon, which may include an interactive note-taking sheet or digital app for the Wednesday night service.

Cafe:

The cafe will remain partially open during the initial Reopening Plan (May 31st - June 30th).

In order to maintain a clean and safe environment, all of the self-serve coffee stations will be closed. However, you can still go to the cafe and order a coffee, water, tea, etc for free during the initial Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th). There will not be any food items served from the cafe during the initial Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th).

All cafe volunteers will be required to wear gloves. In addition, masks will be provided to the volunteers for them to use at their discretion. The cafe surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each service.

Other Social Distancing Measures During the Reopening Period (May 31st - June 30th):

- 1) Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of each worship experience. The door will either be held open by a member of our hospitality team, or it will be propped open by a wedge/cone.
 - a) In order to make this transition smooth and inviting, Volunteers are asked to enter the building 30 minutes prior to the start of the worship service, or earlier per their department leader's request.
- 2) Ushers and greeters will be available 15 minutes prior to the start of service and visible at each sanctuary door to welcome and seat families together. They will also remain available throughout each service to help ensure families are seated together, and welcoming those that may arrive late.
 - a) Our main objective is to keep families seated together while providing three seats between each family.
 - b) We want to encourage and help those attending to find a seat as quickly and efficiently as possible.
 - c) There will be three chairs in between each family to assist our distancing efforts.
- 3) We are encouraging smiles and waves to your church family. Please do not assume other attendees want a handshake, hug, or any other type of physical contact.
- 4) After each worship experience, volunteers within each department will be provided cleaning supplies to wipe down any area they've made contact with during that service.

- 5) There will be five offering baskets at Central Campus's 11 am service. That way, each section of seats will have a designated basket in the lower sections, and one basket designated for the balcony.
- 6) Praise and worship will begin upon the completion of the regular 5-minute countdown. We will not say, "Go around and greet one another" during this Reopening Plan.
- 7) Prayer and altar calls will be done from their seats. During the reopening period, attendees will not be requested to come forward for prayer or have someone lay hands upon them for prayer.
- 8) Communion will be provided to all attendees on the first Sunday of the month. We will have pre-packaged juice and crackers. This will limit the number of people who have to handle the cups.
- 9) As always, each campus will be thoroughly cleaned in between services.

**This Reopening Plan is subject to change. If any change is made, then the I Am Church leadership will meet virtually via email/zoom or in-person to approve the change. We plan to reopen the church as it was pre-pandemic, starting in August 2020. Again, we will closely monitor these plans as they are in action to ensure effectiveness.*