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Valley Bible Chapel has been open for limited in-person attendance since July 5th and we have enjoyed meeting together for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and celebrating communion (Acts 2:42). We plan to continue meeting in-person until we become concerned that our time together poses, what we consider to be, a worrisome possibility of spreading COVID-19. If we reach the point of needing to go fully virtual, or, when we come to the point of restarting Sunday School and youth activities, we will update our website accordingly and send an email to our regular email list.

The following items detail what you can expect if you choose now to attend in-person.

- Service starts at 9:30 AM.
- We require that each person in attendance:
 - wear a properly affixed MASK at all times while in the building. (3 years old and older)
 - wash hands at one of the handwashing stations (at the door or throughout the building).
 - not attend for at least one Sunday if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or have engaged in any behavior that the CDC or State of NJ considers COVID risky behavior. The latter could include travel.
 - not attend if you are feeling sick or have a high temp.
- There is still no nursery or Sunday School.
- There is limited seating capacity in the auditorium with the numbers changing some depending on the size of family units (people living in the same home who can sit next to each other).
- Once the auditorium reaches capacity, we will use overflow rooms with TV monitors set up to watch the service in the auditorium in real time. NOTE: this broadcast is what goes out live via our YouTube channel and is the same that folks attending from home view.
- The service includes our weekly Breaking of Bread service and our sermon. Plan to be in the auditorium for about an hour and 30 minutes.
- Some chairs are closed to use in each room to allow safe social distancing. We try to seat family units who can sit next to each other and we mark unavailable seats with ribbon to keep you at least six feet from others.
- We currently have congregational singing, however, we all wear masks during the singing times.
- Only you handle your Communion elements (individually wrapped crackers and juice) that are available in zip-lock bags upon entering the chapel. Use the bags to dispose of your juice cup.
- The only person currently not wearing a face covering is the speaker while he is preaching. We maintain extra space between him and the first row of people in the auditorium.

- The entire congregation is thankful for the opportunity to give tithes / offerings and we are thankful for each person who continues to give regularly during these strange times. You can continue to give through the mail or online, and there is also an option to use a box in the foyer.

Additional Precautions:

- If you do not have a mask, please ask for one immediately upon entering the building. If you have strong feelings against wearing a mask, please do not attend our in-person services, but instead, attend online in real time on our YouTube channel.
- Please maintain 6 feet social distancing while in the building and while gathering outside.
- There are sanitizing stations placed throughout the auditorium and building for your use.
- Please adhere to having only one person (unless immediate family) at a time in the restrooms.
- Only handicapped parking is available in the lot nearest the chapel. Weather permitting, many attenders talk and catch-up with each other outside. We only want a limited number of vehicles near those (especially children) congregating outside after the service.
- Parents, please supervise your children. They cannot be in the building without you and will also need your supervision outside.
- Parents, please be aware that because our services will be streaming live, you or your child may be in the view of the camera. Please ask about the viewing area if this is a concern for you.
- Other weekly services continue to meet online. Please see the website, call the chapel, or ask others for information about those meetings. It is encouraging to see many taking part online.

We look forward to having many more opportunities to gather at the chapel as the virus, by God's grace, becomes less and less a threat to group gatherings.