



GENESIS COVID-19 Protocols Update (in effect May 30th)

Massachusetts recently announced that all remaining COVID-19 restrictions (mask wearing, social distancing, capacity limits, etc.) will be lifted effective May 29th. Below is a summary of the upcoming changes to be implemented at GENESIS beginning Sunday, May 30th per the announcements at the Family Meeting on May 23rd.

RSVPs

Effective immediately, pre-registration is no longer required for attendance at a Sunday service or for GENESIS Kids. If attendance increases extensively in GENESIS Kids, we may re-instate the RSVP system to adequately manage the teacher to child ratio. This will allow us to keep all the participating children safe and appropriately supervised on a Sunday morning as we are currently understaffed with volunteers.

Social Distancing

The state has lifted restrictions for social distancing indoors. All who are vaccinated are not required to social distance. Distancing is still strongly advised for all who are unvaccinated.

Masks

The state has lifted restrictions for wearing masks indoors. Masks are no longer required for those who are vaccinated. Any who are unvaccinated are strongly advised to continue wearing a mask. Children ages 4 and older in GENESIS Kids are required to wear a mask. The state still recommends that students K-12 wear masks in school and we will continue to follow these guidelines.

Café

We hope to re-open the GENESIS Café in early June! Be on the lookout for free coffee, and know that every pound of BOLD3 coffee we purchase puts a children's bible in the hands of a child who has never heard the word of God! If you are interested in serving in the café, please sign-up [here](#).

As a community, we will do our best to adhere to the above-mentioned guidelines for social distancing and mask-wearing. GENESIS will not monitor these guidelines for each individual entering the space on Sunday morning, but we are asking you to personally be accountable to and respect these guidelines in service of the community as a whole.

We understand that there are varying opinions on these topics as well as rationales for the personal decisions we each make. Still, we are called as followers of Jesus to live in unity with each other. Psalm 133:1 says, "*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!*" Unity reflects to the world an incredible, magnificent, and loving God who can bring a diverse group of people together to love each other, care for one another, show each other patience, and practice forbearance with each other.

I'm looking forward to how God will reveal Himself through each of you in this season as you reflect his majesty, glory, and lovingkindness by walking in unity together. I believe it will have a great impact on those around us! Let's be a church that counterculturally unifies around what matters most: Jesus.

Thankful for all of you.

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