

Ada Bible Church

In-Person Services Information

Many have asked if we are able to open our buildings to provide an on-site viewing option. Could we just be in the building and be together? The answer is, "Yes, we can do that!"

Starting Sunday, July 26, we will be offering an on-site, in-person option on Sundays at 9 am at all four campuses. In short, this is what this will look like:

- Online service
- On a screen
- On-site
- Hosted by a Campus Pastor or Campus Leader

Many others have asked when we will be able to offer all those things we love and experienced back in March at Ada Bible such as live worship, live preaching and a dynamic children's ministry at four campuses, six locations throughout our city, and 15 different service options. Out of the care and safety for our community and a desire to provide the best experience possible, we are simply not ready to provide a version of this that would resemble Ada Bible Church. We will look forward to adding live options as we are able in the weeks and months to come. Stay tuned!

What time is the on-site, in-person option?

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at all four campuses.

Will there be children's ministry available?

No, Children's Ministry will not be available at this time. This in-person option will be a family experience. There will be activity packets, coloring pages, and crayons available for young families. We will be looking to add options for Children's Ministry on-site as we are able in the weeks and months to come.

Great family content online will continue to be provided online. To access any of Ada Bible Church's family resources, check out DV at Home at dvpresents.org.

Are masks required?

Knowing this is a highly challenging topic, we ask for your grace as we set expectations on this topic.

Masks will be "highly encouraged" in keeping with the latest guidelines for faith-based organizations and those participating in a worship service. You will not be turned away for not wearing a mask (State Order 2020-147 Item 6.)

There is a phrase used around Ada Bible Church quite often, "Everybody looking out for somebody." As the Apostle Paul instructed the church in Philippi, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4

We recognize there are varying opinions. As a church community, we desire to put others first and engage this conversation with humility and respect for those around us. This respect for one another is a

crucial way we can show love and care for our community. We are grateful in advance for your respect, care and consideration.

Does my family need to reserve a seat?

We are asking all people to [reserve a seat](#). When you reserve a seat, you will be able to see how many people have signed up to attend at your campus and time. No one will be turned away.

What happens if my family forgets to RSVP?

Our **Reserve a Seat** system has been limited to allow for a percentage of seats to remain available. We desire to make room for first time guests, attendees who do not have the ability to register, or others who simply show up and were not aware of the Reserve A Seat system.

Will there be limited capacity to allow for more social distanced seating?

We will begin to gather at 30% of official occupancy in each environment. Seating will be set up to allow for social distancing between rows. Please be considerate of the space between seats for those who may already be seated around you.

How are the atriums and auditoriums being cleaned?

Atriums will be disinfected before and after each service. All seats in the auditorium will be disinfected before each service. Major touch points including bathrooms, door handles, tabletops, and coffee bars will be thoroughly disinfected before, during and after each service. If you see one of our facilities team keeping things clean—please say thank you!

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout each building. Complimentary masks will be available upon entry if you have forgotten yours. We encourage guests to be aware of others and allow social distancing space between gathered parties.

Our HVAC system will run continuously to ensure maximum dilution ventilation and increase total airflow based on CDC recommendations. It will also be continuously monitored during services to ensure proper operation at all times.

We desire to make the experience as touch-free as possible so entry doors and auditorium doors will be propped open.

Will there be live teaching and worship?

We will experience a pre-recorded Ada Bible Church Online service together including teaching and worship. We will be adding live teaching and worship, in real-time, broadcast to four campuses, six locations throughout the city, during three weekend service times as we are able in the weeks and months to come.

Will we be singing during worship?

Out of care and consideration for one another, we will be asking everyone to remain seated during worship and allow the worship of God that we experience on the screen to inspire our hearts to worship God quietly and personally.

Will weekend programming look different?

The service will be the same online service, on a screen, on-site, hosted by your Campus Pastor. The Campus Pastor or other Campus Ministry Leader will introduce the service. We will watch the online service together. Then the Campus Pastor or Campus Leader will close the service.

Will there be coffee and cookies?

We will have an amended hospitality service of bottled specialty drinks and pre-packaged cookies. We will be adding fresh brewed coffee service in the weeks to come.

How will we give our offerings?

We are encouraging everyone to continue giving online. If you would like to give in-person, there will be white offering boxes by each auditorium exit door at the conclusion of the service.

- To give online, please visit adabible.org/give.
- To give via text, text "ada" to 45777 and follow the instructions.

Will Ada Bible Church continue to provide a service online?

Yes! Ada Bible Church Online will continue to be available on Saturdays at 5:30 pm, Sunday mornings at 9 & 11 am.

Should I keep inviting others over to my home for Ada Bible Home Edition?

Yes, please! We are grateful that so many are inviting family, friends and neighbors over to experience the worship of God, the truth of scripture, and the community of the church in living rooms, backyards, patios and porches! To host your own Ada Bible Home Edition, find information at adabible.org/homeedition.

What happens if someone was confirmed with COVID-19 after they attended a worship service?

We will notify attenders at the campus where direct exposure to a confirmed case occurred via email. We will relay the date, time and location of the confirmed case.

Sign up or update your information in our database at my.adabible.org

What if COVID-19 levels rise in West Michigan?

We will continue to watch the changing conditions in West Michigan and we will adjust accordingly in order to care for our community and provide the best experience possible. Just as we are looking to add options to this limited on-site gathering, there is the possibility that we might reduce the size or availability of this on-site option as our current environment changes.