



INVOLVECHURCH

Re-Gather Plan

Phases 1-4

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Summary

Many of you have heard on the media that Governor Little and the state government have **announced a plan to reopen the state**, starting with churches in phase 1, May 1st, expecting congregations to follow strict social distancing guidelines. We are **not quite ready to jump in** and start meeting in person right away, mostly because our children (a good portion of our congregation) will have a very difficult time doing social distancing, but also because we are currently working with the Nampa School District on a timetable for when outside groups will be able to once again rent their facilities. **Please be praying for the district** and those in education administration as they make many difficult decisions during this time. Outlined below is our plan to reopen, assuming there are no new spikes in new cases, hospitalizations or deaths in Canyon County.

Phase 1 (May 1-15)

We encourage **up to 10 people** to gather as Life Groups for watch parties to participate in our online gathering together. This will only be for people who are **healthy and feel comfortable gathering** with 1 or 2 other families. If you don't have any idea where to go we will update our groups list on our website with openings for singles, couples, and families to join others in this stage. For those with immune-compromised family members we recommend to continue to follow stay-at-home orders until later phases.

Find a group and sign up at:
<https://involvechurch.com/groups>

Online Ministries for Phase 1

- **9:30am** Sunday Morning: Involve Kids (see **suggestions for kids** at the end of this doc)
- **10:30am** Sunday Morning: Main Worship Service
- **6pm** Sunday Evening: Youth Group Gathering
- **Various Times** Step Forward Leadership Training
- **Various Times** Life Groups throughout the Valley

Phase 2 (May 16-31)

Please note, since the Nampa School District is not renting to outside groups, our Phase 2 will extend to the end of May. This is slightly different than Governor Little's plan to end phase 2 on May 29. **Larger gatherings (20)** allowed where some social distancing can be maintained. Possible life group gatherings in homes or yards where available. Continue watch parties on Sunday mornings with online gatherings. **Some groups might be able to consolidate by this point.**

Online Ministries for Phase 2

- **9:30am** Sunday Morning: Involve Kids (see **suggestions for kids** at the end of this doc)
- **10:30am** Sunday Morning: Main Worship Service

In-Person Ministries for Phase 2

- **6pm** Sunday Evening: Youth Group Gathering
- **See Website** Step Forward Leadership Training
- **Various Times** Life Groups throughout the Valley
- **6pm Saturday Evening** In-person Worship Gathering, limited to 40 people

Phase 3 (June 1-31)

The Nampa School District has given permission for us to regather at Snake River Elementary starting **Sunday, June 7**. We are excited! We have specific protocols to follow to keep everyone healthy and minimize the spread of Covid-19. You can find it under **“Snake River Protocol”** below. We will continue to livestream our 9:30am Involve Kids and 10:30am Worship Gathering.

Online Ministries for Phase 3

- **Involve Kids Offered at:**
 - **8:30am, 9:30am, and 1pm**
- **9:30am** Sunday Morning: Involve Kids (see ***suggestions for kids*** at the end of this doc)
- **10:30am** Sunday Morning: Main Worship Service

In-Person Ministries for Phase 3

- **10:30am** Sunday Morning: Main Worship Service
- **Youth Group Gatherings** (throughout the week)
- **See Website** Step Forward Leadership Training
- **Various Times** Life Groups throughout the Valley
- **Various Times** Smaller Bible Studies throughout the Valley
- **6pm Saturday Evening** In-person Worship Gathering, limited to 40 people

Phase 4 (July)

Keep an eye on your email and social media.

SUGGESTIONS FOR KIDS (PHASES 2-3)

Right now, we offer **Involve Kids online on Sundays at 9:30am-10:15am** at <https://live.involvechurch.com>. Our suggestion is that, if you have children 2yrs through 5th grade in your group, that you run this as part of your group gathering on Sundays. If adults participate with the kids during this time, too, it goes a long way. We also would suggest that you have crayons and writing utensils on hand to **take advantage of the age-appropriate worksheets for the kids** during the 10:30am hour. This helps provide the kids with an outlet while 6th grade through adults participate in the 10:30am worship gathering. If you choose, you are invited to bring your entire family (kids included) to our worship gathering at Snake River at 10:30am. For those that prefer, it will be streamed online for the foreseeable future.

Find Involve Kid worksheets at:

<https://involvechurch.com/kids-resources>

We will also provide these at the recording of our Worship Service on Saturdays at 6pm. Even if you aren't on the list for that day to participate in the gathering, you may show up to grab some Involve Kids sheets that day.

Some Group Tips (PHASE 2)

- Please, to the best of your ability, **practice physical distancing** between family units. Depending on the size of your group and your house, this may mean moving a television outside, weather permitting. *Please avoid hugging, hand shaking, etc.*
- We **suggest masks**, particularly if you have vulnerable people in your group.
- If you are considered to be in the **high risk** or vulnerable category, we suggest you **continue to isolate** and watch the service from home.
- We recommend a plan to **provide disinfecting wipes in the restroom** to wipe things down after use.
- If possible, have **hand sanitizer available**. If you can't find any, have a designated hand-washing station. It is highly recommended that people **sanitize or wash hands when entering and leaving the house**.

SNAKE RIVER PROTOCOL (PHASE 3)

The Nampa School District has been a **trusted partner for the last three years** as God has used Involve Church to reach people with the message of the Gospel. As believers in Christ, it is crucial that we continue to demonstrate to Nampa School District that we plan to abide by their requests in good faith. In addition to this, **abiding by these protocols enables us to gather together** during this time in a larger group while, at the same time, doing our best to **keep people healthy**. **NOTE: We will not run Involve Kids right away. Stay tuned for a plan from our Kids Team on re-gathering the kiddos!**

- We need to have people **let us know they are coming** to the Sunday Gathering. If there is enough room, people will be allowed to walk-in without RSVPing, but will be **required to check-in** at the door. Attendance is capped, so if seats are full, individuals without a reply will be unable to stay. *We recommend arriving 10-15 minutes early.*
- If you **feel sick**, please consider staying home and join us online.
- If you are in the **vulnerable, high-risk category of people**, please consider staying home and join us online.
- Everyone will be required to use **hand sanitizer** upon entry.
- Please **remain 6-feet** apart from people outside of those you live with, according to physical distancing guidelines.

- Chairs will be pre-grouped according to physical distancing guidelines. **Please do not move chairs without the assistance of a host.**
- **All entryways and exits are one-way.** Do not go against the flow. See the diagram below.
- **Volunteers will be asked to wear a mask.** On-stage volunteers will not be required to wear masks for the duration of their time on-stage. Volunteers who setup and tear-down will be asked to use gloves and trained in their proper use.
- **Communion** (the Lord's Supper) will be suspended temporarily.
- **Offering baskets will not be passed,** but a depository near the back will be available.
- Those attending the gathering are asked to **consider wearing a mask for the safety of others who attend that are high-risk** or have family members who are high-risk. *We ask that individuals bring their own masks.* If you don't have your own, we will have some available at the door. Simply ask.
- We ask that individuals who have attended a Sunday Gathering recently who **test positive for Covid-19** would notify church leadership. Their names would not be disclosed to anyone, but those who attended a gathering during the contagious period with the individual would be notified of potential exposure via private email.

SNAKE RIVER ELEMENTARY FLOOR PLAN

PHASE 3, RE-GATHER PLAN - <https://involvechurch.com/regather>
BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 7

