

OUR PLAN FOR RETURNING TO “NORMAL”

We all want to return to regular worship, classes, and ministries as soon as possible. We hope to be able to do so soon, assuming the risk level for contracting COVID-19 continues to improve.

CURRENT RISK LEVEL:



The positivity rate is **2.3%**, as of Friday, March 26. (covid19.sanantonio.gov)

STATUS OF WORSHIP SERVICES:

We are now in **Phase 3**. We will meet in the building for worship at 9:00 a.m. and classes at 10:15 a.m. The children's department is open for nursery, children's worship and Sunday school. Pre-registration will be required EACH WEEK to allow for safe numbers and volunteers. See a complete list of guidelines and procedures at nscoc.org. Please read these guidelines carefully and talk over them with your children; your support in this is appreciated.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE:

As the numbers in San Antonio improve, we will move toward our new normal in phases.

- ⇒ **Phase 1 trigger: Risk Level is Moderate** and the positivity rate city remains at **10%** or less for two consecutive weeks.
 - Because being outdoors is safer than indoors, we will continue having outdoor services as long as weather permits. When the weather prevents us, we will worship indoors, always following social distancing and mask guidelines. As long as we keep our masks on, we will be able to sing.
 - In Phase 1, we will begin offering limited children's activities during the worship hour, with guidelines based on the advice of our medical community and our current preschool guidelines. We will have to have a sufficient number of volunteers to staff these children's activities. We have already begun reaching out to possible volunteers.
- ⇒ **Phase 2 trigger: Risk Level is Mild** and the positivity rate drops to **8%** or less for two consecutive weeks.
 - In Phase 2, we will begin meeting indoors services each Sunday morning, again with appropriate social distancing and mask guidelines.
 - Also in Phase 2, we hope to launch an adult Bible class meeting in the Worship Center, a youth group class in the Youth Room, and expand the length and scope of the children's activities, continuing to follow social distancing and mask guidelines.
- ⇒ **Phase 3 trigger: Risk Level is Low** and the positivity rate drops to **6%** or less for two consecutive weeks.
 - In Phase 3, we will increase the number of adult Bible class offerings and begin offering age-group specific children's classes, continuing to follow social distancing and mask guidelines.
- ⇒ **Phase 4 trigger: Risk Level remains at Low** and the positivity rate drops to **5%** or less for two weeks.
 - We will resume as many of our normal programs and operations as possible, as long as they are consistent with recommended guidelines. We will know more at that time about what we can do depending on local medical recommendations, including the number of residents and members who have been vaccinated.