



# How We Plan to Re-Open

## LIFECHANGERS

First of all, you can't "re-open" what's never been closed. And the church has always been open through this pandemic. Our online church community has never been stronger, our global reach has never been wider, our evangelism is reaching further than it ever has before, and the God of increase is doing exactly that in the lives of our people. But, we do want to lay out a plan for our on-site gathering, in addition to our online gatherings.

Our dates are flexible and will be finalized based on the leading of the Holy Spirit and our on-going working relationship with local officials. Additionally, please note, our Phased Re-Opening Plan does not necessarily coincide with the state's Phased Re-Opening plan.

We will always be led by the peace of God; and as I've said from the beginning, "faith and wisdom." Some will want to gather on-site sooner and some will want to stay home longer and continue to connect online. Which one is right? Exactly. BOTH. There is NO SHAME in either. It's not right vs. wrong. It's "differences" without "divisions." And you're safe at Life Changers no matter what.

### PHASE ONE

May 2020

Connect virtually at [lifechangerschurch.com/online](https://lifechangerschurch.com/online) or any of our other media platforms.

### PHASE TWO

**This is our Current Phase**

Stay connected virtually! We're encouraging family and friends (as your heart leads you) to gather in homes and connect with our online experience on [lifechangerschurch.com/online](https://lifechangerschurch.com/online)

For information on who should gather, [click here](#).

### PHASE THREE

**Projected Date | Flexible**

As we monitor local COVID-19 updates, it's necessary for us to remain flexible regarding to a specific date for resuming our on-site gatherings. Our online connection will continue its strong presence, even after gatherings commence.

Our physical gatherings will include all necessary safety precautions. For more information on our safety precautions, [click here](#).

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Are the Life Changers Ministry offices open?

Yes, we are open and available for phone calls, messaging, food pantry, communion pick-up, and pastoral care during regular office hours. However, our buildings are not open at this time.

Hoffman Campus: Monday-Friday, 9am – 5:30pm

Chicago Campus: Tuesday – Saturday, 8am – 1pm.

## How can I receive care?

For prayer, hospitalization, funerals, or to inquire about financial assistance, please call  
(847) 645-9100

## How can I give before on-site gatherings resume?

There are many ways to easily give, [click here](#) to view them.

## What if I am not comfortable attending church services when they resume on-site?

There is no shame in you seeing something differently than anyone else sees it. Some will wish we gather sooner, while others will plan to stay home longer. That's OK! We want everyone to come back as the peace of God leads them.

## What are your recommendations for Organic Small Group Watch Parties?

We recommend that each Organic Small Group watching online take the following precautions:

- Groups are recommended for adults. See [CDC guidelines](#) for ages
- Adequate location to allow appropriate social distancing (6 feet)
- Limit personal contact (i.e. avoid hugs and handshakes at this time)
- Appropriately clean area before meeting
- Have adequate access to hand sanitizer

If food is provided, we recommend it be pre-packaged food or beverage (i.e. bottled water)

Children (to be decided by host team)

Special Note: Some of our Life Changers Life Groups will be hosting watch parties in homes.  
Details forthcoming.

### **Should I attend a gathering in-person?**

Please take a minute to review the following questions one should ask before making a decision:

Have you had a cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, and/or fever above 100.4 degrees F in the last 72 hours (3 days)? (Please note fever resolution must be without the aid of fever-reducing medication)

Have you been around anyone with these symptoms in the past 14 days? (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, and/or fever above 100.4 degrees F)

Are you living with anyone who is sick or quarantined?

Have you traveled anywhere that has a significant number of new COVID-19 cases, or is considered a COVID-19 "hot spot," in the last 14 days?

Do you live with, or have frequent contact with, someone over 65 or has a serious underlying health condition?

If you answered **"yes"** to any of the above questions, we ask that you participate virtually for the following two weeks. Those that are 65+ and/or those with serious underlying health conditions should consider participating virtually until Phase 3.

### **When will Life Changers begin having on-site services?**

Our dates are flexible and will be finalized based on the leading of the Holy Spirit and our on-going working relationship with local officials. Additionally, please note, our Phased Re-Opening Plan does not necessarily coincide with the state's Phased Re-Opening plan.

### **What is the position of the U.S. Supreme Court and Illinois Governor about re-opening churches?**

Less than four hours before the deadline for Gov. J.B. Pritzker to file his response to the U.S. Supreme Court to the emergency injunction request brought by two churches, the governor unilaterally removed all restrictions on churches and houses of worship.

This is a complete victory. As I've said on many occasions, it's up to the churches to decide, not the government. Besides, you can't re-open what was never closed. The gates of hell will not prevail!

Here is a link to the actual press release. Please [click here](#).

### **Where can I find updates on COVID-19?**

You can read all of Life Changers updates regarding COVID-19 [here](#).