



## OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

All members and visitors of True Foundation Apostolic Ministries  
Bishop Eric G. Zimmerman, Pastor  
COVID-19 Church Reentry Initiative  
June 14, 2020

Praise the Lord TRUFAM,

As many of you are aware, the Governor of the State of Maryland, Larry Hogan, lifted the stay-at-home order on May 15, 2020; this included places of worship to resume indoor events at 50 percent capacity. However, this implementation remains on a case-by-case basis, at both the county and city levels.

Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced the county, which has the most cases of COVID-19 in the state, will ease some restrictions starting next week. As parts of the State are reopening, the county will move into a modified Phase 2 of reopening starting Monday, June 15. Church services are allowed to reopen at 25 percent capacity. They may also continue outdoor or drive-up services of 250 or less.

After much prayer, I have decided to implement a three-phase COVID-19 Church Reentry Initiative that will begin on Sunday, June 21, 2020, and conclude on Saturday, July 12, 2020. However, the proposed dates can and may be modified depending on various factors. Nonetheless, we are praying and expecting to return to "somewhat normal" soon.

Let us continue to be prayerful and steadfast as we navigate through these unprecedented times. My commitment to God and the wellbeing of His people whom I serve is paramount, and I will continue to do so with biblical faith and wisdom, not reckless abandonment.

Attached to this memorandum, you will find a comprehensive outline of what to expect in the coming weeks. May the peace of God be upon you.

In His Service,

Bishop Eric G. Zimmerman, Pastor  
True Foundation Apostolic Ministries

## **COVID-19 TRUE FOUNDATION APOLOSTOLIC MINISTRIES (TRUFAM) CHURCH REENTRY INITIATIVE:**

The purpose of this three-phase church reentry initiative is to safely and gradually increase the attendance capacity of our facility while monitoring the current COVID-19 conditions in Prince George's County, Maryland. This initiative will allow church officials to actively assess the effects of the reentry process and make any necessary modifications moving forward.

Prior to the launch of the COVID-19 Church Reentry Initiative, all members will be sent a short survey via text message or email to aid in establishing a congregational perspective on the reentry initiative.

### **Section 1:**

#### **REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICES:**

We will continue to have our regularly scheduled services, and they will be live-streamed (except for corporate prayer) until further notice. However, some modified efforts will phase out and return to normal operation by the conclusion of the reentry initiative. Below are the current regularly scheduled (modified) services:

- Sunday Morning Worship: 12:00 Noon (live-streamed and Limited Attendance., see section 4)
- Tuesday Nights: 7:30 PM MIT Class & Leadership Training (Zoom)
- Wednesday Nights: Youth Bible Empowerment: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Zoom)
- Thursday Night Bible Study: 7:30 PM (live-streamed)

### **Section 2:**

#### **PRIOR TO ATTENDING ANY SERVICES:**

- If you or anyone in your household is sick or is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home. If you or anyone in your household has tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19 within the last three weeks, please stay home.
- Consider any pre-existing conditions that you or someone in your household may have that would make them high risk for contracting or combating COVID-19 prior to deciding to attend worship service. Such conditions include, but are not limited to asthma, diabetes, heart disease, those 60 years of age or older, and those with a weakened immune system, or any other high risk condition.
- All attendees should use good hygiene practices before attending worship services and also wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to entering the sanctuary.

### **Section 3:**

#### **PRECAUTIONS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:**

- All attendees entering the sanctuary (except those under 2 years of age) will be required to wear a face-covering upon entry, also to be worn during service. Limited masks and gloves will be available for your convenience.
- Members leading in worship are not required to wear masks while rendering services, such as: leading praise and worship, giving announcements, praying, reading scripture, preaching, etc.
- Hand sanitizer use is required when entering the building. A station is located upon entry as well as the bathroom for your convenience.
- Our ushers will seat all attendees to a designated seating area in the sanctuary during all services.
- Avoid personal contact as much as possible during all services.
- There will not be an offering processional. Attendees should prepare, as much as possible, to give electronically via our website, PayPal, or CashApp. If you are unable to give electronically, you can.
- Bathroom use will be monitored by an usher to prohibit gathering at the bathroom door, as well as to ensure the bathroom has been wiped down after each use.

#### **Section 4:**

##### **AFTER ATTENDING ANY SERVICE:**

- Please limit all unnecessary lingering and exit the sanctuary as expeditiously as possible at the conclusion of services. Should you desire to meet with the pastor, please visit the church website ([www.thetruefam.com](http://www.thetruefam.com)) to schedule an appointment or via Facebook/Text.
- Please take all personal belonging with you. Anything left behind will be discarded for sanitary purposes.
- Please discard all issued masks and gloves in the designated trash can at the front door.
- In the unlikely event that a congregant or some individual(s) that attended one of our church services does test positive for COVID-19, a public notification will be made via our website and all social media pages, including corresponding dates, and attempted contact will be made to all attendees who were present during that time.

#### **Section 5:**

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: COVID-19** is highly contagious and is known to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. By attending the True Foundation Apostolic Ministries, you agree to abide by the procedures established by the church to protect attendees and staff. You voluntarily assume the risk that you and/or your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, either at the church, in the church worship service or any other church service or gathering. You agree to assume all the risks of attendance and participation for you and your family, and you waive any liability against the church and any other parties.

##### **PHASE I: 6/21/20**

All scheduled services for the week will operate under limited building capacity following the below operational procedures and guidelines:

- 6/21/20 - 40 members including essential personnel, (including praise team and Musicians) visitors are welcomed.

##### **PHASE 2: 6/28/20**

All scheduled services for the week will operate under limited building capacity following the below operational procedures and guidelines:

- 6/28/20 - 50 members including essential personnel, (including praise team and Musicians) visitors are welcomed.

##### **PHASE 3: 7/5/20**

All scheduled services for the week will operate under full building capacity following the below operational procedures and guidelines:

- 7/5/20 - Full Capacity attendance depending on Recommendation from the county, (including praise team and Musicians) visitors are welcomed.

**\*\*Special Note:** As long as the weather permits, we will have service inside and Outside. Outside will consist of tents and TV Screen as well as speaker to listen to the service.

### **Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

True Foundation Apostolic Ministries (TRUFAM) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, TRUFAM cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending TRUFAM could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending TRUFAM and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at TRUFAM may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, TRUFAM employees, members, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at TRUFAM or participation in TRUFAM events. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless TRUFAM, its employees, members, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of TRUFAM, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any TRUFAM program, class or event.

*I agree to the terms and conditions of the above-referenced Waiver.*

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**Signature of Self, Parent, Guardian**