

Meridian First Baptist Church - Mid Term Planning COVID19

April 17, 2020

Overview

As we come out of the current stay at home order, we want to anticipate the potential next phase and begin to establish planning such that we can glorify God. We want to solidify our direction during this current period for upcoming phases using our resources effectively.

Operational Assumptions

6' Minimum non-family unit spacing

Airway protection

Occupancy loading diminished (fewer people total allowed to gather)

Make allowances for advanced contact tracing in the event of a confirmed case

Backslide plan (If we need to reclose on a limited basis based on mass exposure)

Goals

Glorify God by;

1. **re-establishing Sunday worship service as quickly as feasible:** Gather as a group of believers (the local Church) to exercise our talents and gifts in service to God. That is Christ's purpose of the church!
 - i. **Utilizing our facilities**
 1. Plan for 2 Sunday services to reduce total persons in facility at one time
 - a. Service 1 - 9:30am to 11am
 - b. CLEAN FACILITY
 - c. Service 2 - 1pm to 2:30pm
 2. Create facility plan to keep safe zone/distance per guidelines (currently 6 feet)
 - a. Inside facility create zones using main sanctuary for body + visitors, east wing for elder/infirm, youth room for elder/infirm
 - b. Inside facility utilize bathrooms assigned to zones (3 women's rooms, 2 men's rooms)

- c. Inside the facility make hand sanitizer, wipes, masks readily available
 - d. Outside facility use specified parking and enter/exit zones
 - i. Monitor total occupant loads
 - 3. Service flow
 - a. No usher service
 - b. No greeting time
 - c. No pass plate offering - 1 drop off area in each zone near exit path (encourage continued mailing in or online giving)
 - d. No coffee bar
 - e. No nursery care
 - f. Fewer worship musicians and no hymnals
 - 4. Think through action plan if/when someone has been diagnosed or even has symptoms of COVID19
 - a. That zone is asked to not attend other than live streaming for 14 days
 - b. Tight attendance will be administered each service
- 2. **Continue building disciples:**
 - a. Establish best practices for bible studies, youth programs, Sunday School - size, location, technology
 - i. No large in person gatherings that can't keep social distancing at this point - no VBS, no AWANA, no Youth Group CCY- Timeline for decisions on these will follow state recovery plan
 - ii. Smaller bible studies encouraged with guidelines
- 3. **Expanding our outreach as quickly as feasible:** our involvement in world-wide missions, we want to follow Jesus in the fulfillment of the Great Commission
 - a. Continue live stream events our service for shut ins, sick, out of area
 - b. Expand missions accountability to utilizing teleconference for regular updates to mission committee (quarterly) and congregation (every 6 months) as well as accountability teams (monthly missionaries and mission committee accountability partners)- This may lend itself to supplemental videos if people like to get information this way. This can include missions like Fathers in the Field and others

Specifications

1. Utilizing our facilities : 3 zones

REFERENCE MFBC COVID 19 REOPEN DOCUMENT

Resources Needed

1. People resources

- a. Attendee numbers by family week to week Ideal layout to fit with 6' guideline for groupings
- b. Ministry to make ~50-100 masks
- c. Security team to guide to zones, parking, enter/exit
- d. Greeting/Usher team opens and closes doors at all 3 zones to minimize the number of touches
- e. Security team and greeting team asked to wear masks (sets the tone)
- f. Sterilization team

2. Facility resources

- a. Room zone dimensions and ideal layout of chairs- Can we stream to televisions in other parts of the building? Direct flow of people in each zone (come in one way, exit another way as to not enable cross traffic and bottlenecks. DONE (SEE FURTHER PAGES)
- b. Signage to be clear on zones, enter/exit, bathroom
- c. Hand sanitizer per zone
- d. Offering mechanisms per zone
- e. Mask availability per zone

3. Ongoing online activity

- a. Ministry team to execute technical piece
- b. Missions team expanded tasks agreement and resources
- c. Storage and equipment (digital) and decisions / guidelines on what to keep and how long

Communications Plan

1. Website elder update, phone calls to all attendees with zone and service assigned per family - try to minimize swaps/switching
2. Website and facebook promote plan for phase 1 transition
3. Promote we are planning 2 services using 3 different meeting areas (zones) to reduce contact and stay within government guidelines
4. Promote we are encouraging minimum movement once seated
5. Promote messages that discourage people who are sick from attending
6. Promote message that those at risk should view via livestream
7. Promote using masks. Bring your own mask (BYOM).
8. Doors will be opened and closed for you to reduce touches
9. We will assign family units to zones and to service 1 or service 2 as well as supply you a card to bring when you pull into the facility so we can guide you to parking and enter/exit for your zone.
10. No nursery service
11. No offering plate passed around (encourage mail in and online - plate will be located at exit of each zone)
12. Parents with children, children will need to stay with you inside the zone/seating set up for you. If they can't stay inside that area, we recommend staying home and watching livestream for this period.
13. Bathrooms are per each zone - please try to minimize using bathrooms if at all possible (go at home before you come :>)

14. Security usher team will help direct you to a parking zone when you pull in
15. Security team will be monitoring zone security (everyone stay in their zones)

Need to optimize seating in each area and have display capability in youth room

MFBC Attendees by family unit

Unit	Total	~ 60 + age	~ < 60 age
1	25	75	18
2	68		
3-4	19		
4-5	19		
>6	10		

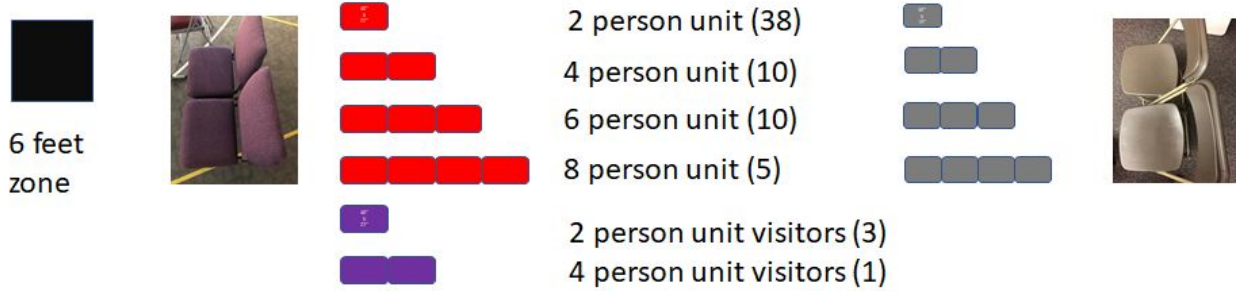
MFBC Ideal Seating Design

Unit	Total Need (2 services)
2	38 (half of 75)
4	10 (half of 19)
6	10 (half of 19)
8	5 (half of 10)
2	3 for visitors
4	1 for visitors

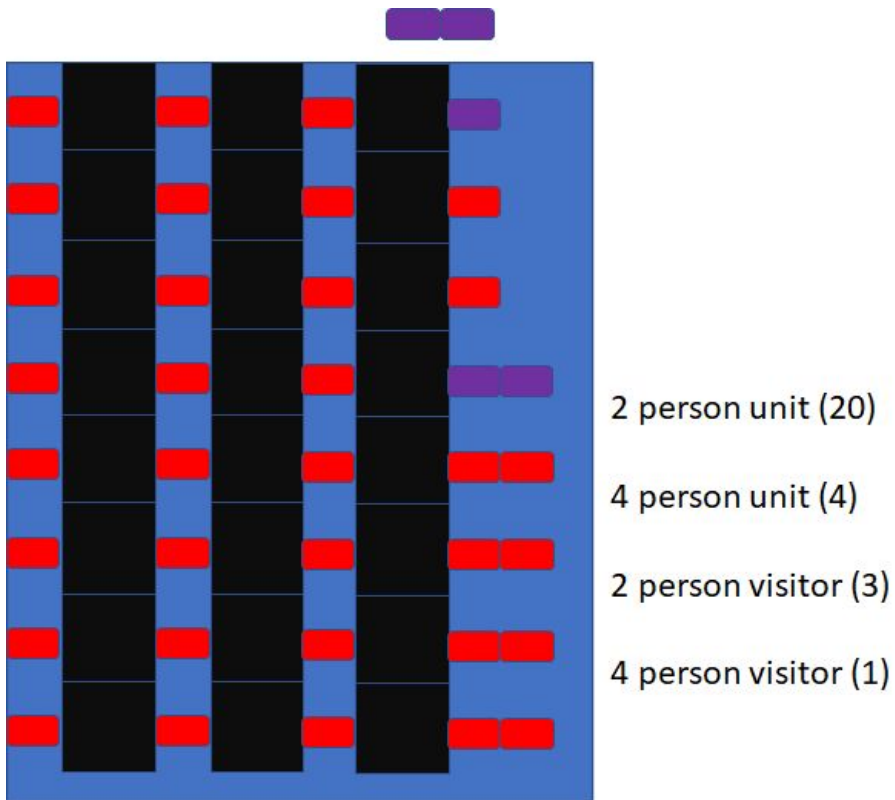
MFBC Capable Seating Design

Unit	Total Need (2 services)
2	35 (3 short of ideal)
4	9 (1 short of ideal)
6	8 (2 short of ideal)
8	4 (1 short of ideal)
2	visitors
1	Visitors

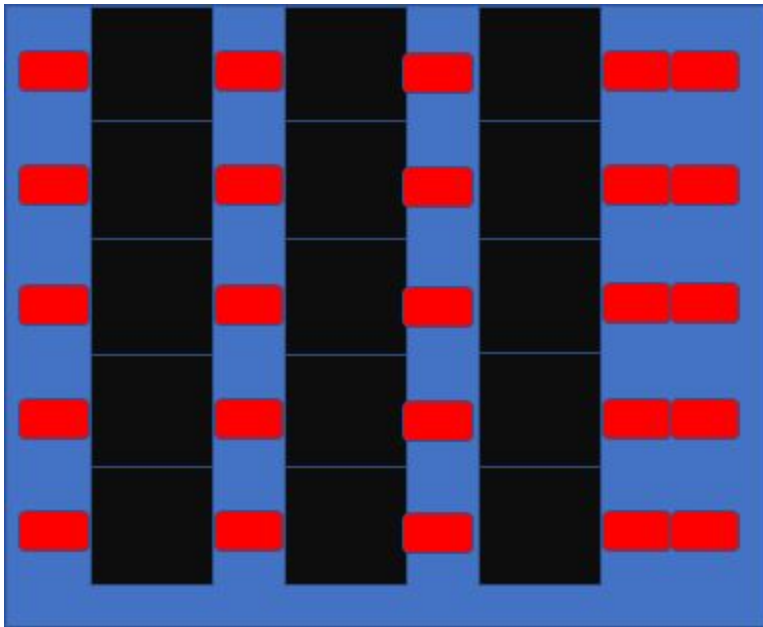
Seating Zone CAPABILITY DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS:



MAIN CONGREGATION AREA



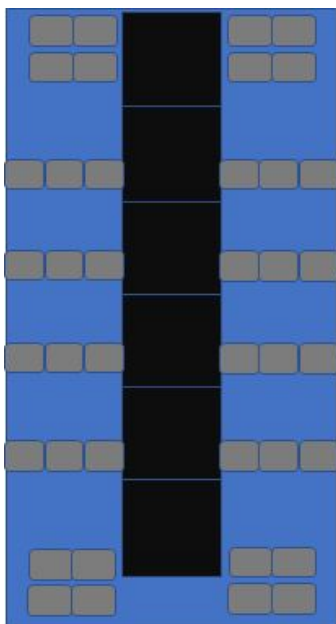
EAST WING AREA



2 person unit (15)

4 person unit (5)

ROOM 129A&B AREA



6 person unit (8)

8 person unit (4)

