



February 1, 2021

Greetings PAOG Family,

I pray that you are encouraged in the Lord! I'd like to share a verse that's inspiring me, *"For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me songs of victory."* (Psalm 32:7, NLT) I praise God for His keeping power!

I sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding during this very unique time. As I've stated previously, my aim has been to lead with wisdom, compassion, awareness, and a proactive disposition. I will continue to do so.

With respect to our Bounce Back Plan, I'd like to share a couple updates:

1. The City of Milwaukee Health Department has recently indicated that local gathering restrictions for religious organizations will be lightened. The number of congregants permissible is now 250 or 25% of the total occupancy limit.
2. PAOG will gradually resume gathering onsite to meet the allowable number per local guidelines:
  - a. **February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>:**
    - i. 100 members and guests
    - ii. **Online viewing continued via Facebook Live.**
    - iii. **Online** corporate prayer **will continue** on Wednesday nights from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
  - b. **March-May:**
    - i. 150-175 people (25%)
    - ii. **Online viewing continued via Facebook Live.**
    - iii. **Online** corporate prayer **will continue** on Wednesday nights from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
3. **Guidelines for Onsite Attendance**
  - a. Return to the church free of COVID-19 symptoms. Self-quarantine if you've recently been in large crowds or knowingly have been in contact with someone with COVID symptoms. Call the church to have a member of the altar care team or a leader reach out to you with love and prayer.
  - b. Register through *Eventbrite*.
  - c. Participate in temperature/health screening upon building entry.
  - d. Wear a mask.

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- e. Follow seating directions of the ushers.
- f. Observe six feet of physical/social distancing.
- g. Wear a wristband visibly and respect the interaction levels of each person.
- h. Comply with all signage and markings posted throughout the building, including restrooms.
- i. Exit immediately after service and only socialize on the parking lot if desired.

## **COVID-19 Vaccine**

The COVID-19 vaccine is a hot international topic. I realize that many people have questions and concerns. I'm aware that some members have already been vaccinated and others have plans to do so. I'm also aware that some members have reservations and therefore have no immediate plans for vaccination.

At this time, I do not endorse vaccination, nor do I condemn those who choose vaccination. It's a decision that individuals must make for themselves and their families. It's a decision that should be made prayerfully, thoughtfully, and with sound information. Hence, I've shared a couple links that will hopefully provide you with insights as you determine what's best for you and your family.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

<https://healthcare.ascension.org/covid-19/covid-vaccine>

We look forward to seeing you again in the days ahead. If you have questions or feedback, please contact the church office at 414-442-7411 or email at [info@parklawnag.org](mailto:info@parklawnag.org).

Grace and peace,

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Senior Pastor

**Special Note:** *Parklawn Assembly of God (PAOG) cannot prevent any member from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID19 while participating in church services on the premises. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in the services and/or enter PAOG premises, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID19. Given the facts noted above, PAOG is taking great measures to ensure that we minimize the risk of spreading COVID19, utilizing the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines. We have also consulted with the local City of Milwaukee Public Health Officials on best practices for operations such as ours. With that said, it is imperative that each member follows the procedural guidelines set forth by the PAOG Senior Pastor and Leadership Team. Failure to follow posted guidelines and procedures may result in you being asked to leave the premises. We care too much to allow anyone to be placed at risk any further than the uncertainty that already exist. Thanks very much for your cooperation.*

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