

# Re-evaluating our Safety Protocols

A little more than a year ago, we wrestled with the reality of a new virus, closing businesses and schools, sheltering-in-place, and all of the other changes that the Coronavirus brought. At Calvary, we began to work and minister and worship and connect almost exclusively online while we tried to accomplish our mission and respond to this pandemic at the same time. In the middle of last year, we reopened for worship with a number of safety protocols in place. All during this time, we continued to see God move and work among us and accomplish His mission in our community through Calvary Church.

We are now observing the decreasing trend of new cases, hospitalizations, ICU usage, and deaths alongside the increasing numbers of people vaccinated (along with those previously exposed to the virus) in our area to begin to assess when our safety protocols should be relaxed. Here are the data and trends we are considering (as of the second week of April, 2021):

- It is estimated that over 35% of Missourians have been exposed to the Coronavirus.
- Approximately 30% of Missourians have received at least one vaccination dose.
- Both of those numbers will continue to increase.
- The current vaccination rate nationwide is over 3 million doses per day, which is expected to approach 4 million doses per day within the next few weeks.
- With over 100 million adult Americans having received at least one dose, every adult who wants the vaccine will be able to receive at least one dose before the end of May.

Given this data and trends, we are considering relaxing or making optional our safety protocols in late May or early June (assuming these trends roughly continue). People would still be able to wear a mask on their own and seek out socially distanced seating if desired.

We are so grateful for all of you walking together with us - worshipping, serving, and growing in this challenging time. If you have any feedback or questions you can send them to [questions@calvary.church](mailto:questions@calvary.church)