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RINAZ Church Family,

We are ready to re-open and start gathering together for services! Even though we had initially thought that we would need two services, due to some of the changes that have occurred, we will begin this coming Sunday, July 5th, with only 1 service beginning @ 10:30 am, in the gym. We are excited about re-gathering the church, and are sure many of you are as well. However, we are setting up some guidelines to support the safest possible environment that we can provide. Below is a protocol that the Church Board has approved and we would ask that you would take some time to read through it and follow it as we begin meeting together. Looking forward to seeing you all!

REGATHERING THE CHURCH

Rock Island Nazarene

Our worship services will continue to be available online at rinaz.com; although they may not be available until later Sunday or Monday morning. If you are feeling ill, we ask that you would stay home.

By putting the following guidelines in place, it is our goal to support the safest possible environment.

UPON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive at RINAZ you will **enter through the South Lobby Entrance**; an Usher will open the door for you, greet you, and direct you to our service. If you are unable to navigate the steps, we will have an usher let you in at the single door entrance on the east side.

In the South Lobby, you will be given hand sanitizer before going downstairs.

The elevator will be available to anyone who needs it, and it will be operated by an usher.

When you arrive at the entrance to the gym, an usher will greet you and according to your family size you will be directed to a seat; this will ensure that we are following social distancing guidelines.

We strongly recommend that you wear a face mask. This is our attempt to protect each other. We understand that there are those who cannot tolerate a face mask due to health issues.

We are asking that everyone practice the suggested 6 feet social distancing.

DURING THE SERVICE:

At this point in time, there will not be Sunday School classes before service. All Children's Ministries and nurseries will be closed. It will be a time of family worship.

The offering plates will not be passed; there will be a locked box as you enter the gym to collect offering. You can place offering in the box as you enter or as you exit. If you prefer, you can continue to mail your tithe/offerings to the church office as many of you have done during the shelter-in-place

We will not use hymnals; words will be made available.

There will not be a time of greeting and handshaking during the service.

The water fountains will not be available and there will not be any coffee/snacks served.

We are limiting bathroom to the single use bathroom across from elevator; this will ensure that proper disinfecting can be done. This bathroom does have a baby changing station.

Unused areas of the church will be closed off and locked to limit exposure in the building.

After the service is over, you will be dismissed by family or by row to ensure social distancing.

Thank you!