

RE-ENTRY CHECKLIST FOR STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS

We hope that going through this checklist of questions will bring clarity to your strategy. Your answers will vary as you decide how to best move forward within your context. Let's leave this season prepared and equipped.

SAFETY

- How will you ensure the cleanliness of your space?
- What volunteer(s) could help you provide a clean meeting place?
- How can students be engaged to serve the church during this time?
- Do you have a plan for when someone shows up that isn't feeling well?
- How will you communicate to parents about safety and precautions?
- What will you do if you find out a student or leader contracts the virus?
- What health practices will be implemented during these ministries?
 - What is your timeline for when these will be lifted?
- Is the elder board on the same page with your plans for health practices/ safety precautions?
- What safety materials will you provide for students?
(hand sanitizer, masks, visible information postings, etc.)
- How will you reach and care for students who can't come because they are more cautious or at a higher risk?
- How will new safety guidelines affect serving food at events?

STRATEGY

- What essential activities must you include so that your students can be disciplined?
- What ministries weren't effective before and can be transitioned away from now?
- What parts of your new online presence are worth continuing?
- What will students be struggling with because of the pandemic?
- How will you communicate to parents that you care and have an intentional plan in place for their students? How often?
- Which ministries will be phased in, and in what order?
- How does the gospel apply to students' felt needs upon return?
- What answers does the gospel give for what they just went through?
- Will your large group time be shortened or altered?
- What is your plan for online/digital ministry in the event of a second wave and subsequent stay at home order?
- Do you have leadership's buy-in for your plan?

SPACE

- What activities will you need to avoid even when you can meet together?
- How will think through social distancing guidelines?
[Link: CDC \(The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) has compiled new "Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith"](#)
- What guidelines are your ministry partners using?
(think camps, retreat centers, mission trip locations)
- How will other ministries at church affect your ability to meet?
- What additional spaces (outdoors?) do you have available to your group?
- If the group size recommendations are not big enough to house your entire ministry, how will you adjust?
- What does it look like if you can only meet in groups of 10? 25? 50?
- Will you have students signing up for certain times?
- How will your rooms be set up to accommodate appropriate social distancing measures?
- How will you reduce unnecessary fear and anxiety in your group?

SABBATH

- How will you be sharpened as a leader during this time?
- What do you anticipate your work schedule to look like during reopening?
- What can you be working ahead on right now that will free up time and energy in the future?
- Have you carved out space to think about short-term and long-term goals?
- What additional things are on your plate now that you can get rid of?
- How can you care for your family as you move from working at home to working at church?
- What do you need from your leaders in terms of support?
- Is your calendar intentionally built so your family can thrive even if your hours at church need to increase for a season?
- Who do you have that can encourage you and hold you accountable in your work?
- What area of theology and ministry study should you make time for during stay at home?

