

Wesley UMC Reopening Protocols

Phase 1 – Sunday Morning Worship

- All attenders, volunteers, and staff elementary school age and older (as per CDC guidelines) are expected to wear masks. If they arrive without a mask, they will be given one from the church's supply.
 - The only exception to the mask rule is the worship band and pastor while singing or speaking. When band members and pastor are not singing or speaking, they must put on masks.
 - The congregation is strongly encouraged to sing quietly while wearing their masks, as strong singing can project "aerosols."
- All attenders are encouraged to hand sanitize.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances.
 - Those sensitive to hand sanitizer, will be encouraged to wash hands in sink prior to entering sanctuary.
 - Sanctuary will be sanitized after any in-week services (i.e. Good Friday) according to CDC guidelines.
- All entry doors shall be propped open, or opened only by greeters/ushers ~~wearing gloves~~, so no one else needs to touch the handles.
- There shall be no standing in groups for conversation in the building, as that would impede the flow of people entering or exiting while maintaining distancing.
 - Conversation groups can meet around cars in the parking lot, while maintaining social distancing of at least six feet.
- Upon entering the building, people will be encouraged to maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing and immediately find a seat.
 - Pews will be taped off to maintain social distancing within the sanctuary.
- Upon exiting, the pews closest to the back will exit first moving from back to front. As people exit, they will use the doors closest to the side of the sanctuary they are sitting.
- Two collection plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary towards the exits to receive offerings as people enter or exit. This avoids offering plates passing through many hands.
 - Additionally, all paper materials, hymnals, Bibles, etc. will be removed for the present time.
- For the time being, Holy Communion will only be offered on the 1st Sunday of the month.
 - Prepackaged communion elements will be available upon entry to the sanctuary.
 - There will be no kneeling at the alter rail during this phase. After the service, attendees can drop the packaging in waste baskets as they exit.
- For the time being, no childcare will be offered during the service.
 - Packets for children will be available.
 - During "Children's Time", kids can remain with their parents or come sit on the front row pews.

All members who feel ill or uncomfortable being at a public gathering should remain at home.

- Live stream on YouTube and Facebook will still be available as a worship option.