

## Indoor Health and Safety Guidelines for Church Members

Dear Beloved Church Family,

These past few months have been full of challenges as well as blessings. We are very thankful and excited to begin our in person worship gatherings! Welcome Home! We have missed you!

As we safely begin to gather in person again, there are a few health and safety items we hope you will follow. The transmission of COVID-19 can be greatly reduced with the following measures, and that is great news because by using these, we can best serve one another. Thanks for your help as we *Love God and Love People* together.

### **1. Indoor Worship**

- a. We are asking that all families attending our indoor service register ahead of time. You can register via the link provided in Monday's email, on our website, or in the app. Please register before noon on Thursday before the Sunday service.
- b. You will receive an email with your assigned pew Friday before the service you are attending. Pew assignments are subject to change each week.
- c. Please leave the Elm Ave street parking for those who truly need those spaces. You may park in the Church parking lot, Waterston Lot or on Wendell Ave.
- d. Entrance Plan:
  - i. We will be entering the East Elm Ave Front Doors only
  - ii. Maintaining a 6 ft. distance.
  - iii. Stay to the right going up the stairs
  - iv. Enter the sanctuary through the Left & Right side isles
  - v. Elevator access is available for anyone who needs it. Please one household in the elevator at a time.
  - vi. You will be escorted to your pre assigned seat
- e. Exit Plan:
  - i. You will be dismissed by row starting in the back and working our way forward.
  - ii. Center Pews will be dismissed first, Side pews will be dismissed once the center sections are cleared.

- iii. As soon as you are dismissed we ask that you exit the church via the front doors, and the campus via the East Elm Ave gate. Please no congregating in the lobby or on the front lawn.

f. Giving

- i. Offering Boxes are located at the back of the sanctuary
- ii. Tithes, Offerings, & Faith promise giving can be placed in the box before or after the service
- iii. Offering can still be mailed, given online, or through the app

**2. Social Distancing:** It is important that we all maintain a distance or physical space of at least 6 feet apart at all times. You can help do this in the following ways:

- a. Greet one another by waving and making eye contact while smiling under your mask. Please do not shake hands, hug or bump elbows.
- b. Make sure there is 6 feet of physical space between yourself and others at all times. Gently encourage everyone to keep this physical space
- c. Let's keep a culture of safety and awareness for others.

**3. Masks & Face Coverings:** According to the Board's reopening plan, Masks must be worn by everyone in attendance over the age of 5. Children 5 and under are at the discretion of their guardian. Individuals who have a medical reason may choose not to wear a mask.

- a. Remember: "I wear a mask to protect you. You wear a mask to protect me." Keeping this positive attitude is helpful.
- b. Be a good example of wearing your face covering.
- c. Masks must cover the nose and mouth completely.
- d. Smile under your mask, people can see your eyes!

**4. Hand Hygiene and Surface Disinfection:** It is important that surfaces as well as hands are disinfected and washed frequently.

- a. Use the touchless hand sanitizers as often as needed. Scrub your hands for 20 seconds and allow the sanitizer to dry completely.
- b. Wash your hands if dirty or after you use the restroom. Follow the process posted in the restrooms.

**5. Stay Home If Sick:** While there is not much that you can directly do about this, it is one of single most important steps in ensuring a safe worship experience. We are asking that anyone who experiences these symptoms prior to coming to worship do not attend, including you. Please stay home if you do not feel well or if you have been in contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19.

- a. Symptoms: **Fever** or **feeling feverish**, **Cough** that cannot be attributed to another health condition, **Shortness of breath** or difficulty **breathing** that cannot be attributed to another health condition, **Respiratory symptoms** such as **sore throat**, **sneezing**, **runny nose** or **nasal congestion** that cannot be attributed to another health condition, **Chills**, **Loss of taste or smell** that cannot be attributed to another health condition, **Muscle** or **body aches** that cannot be attributed to another health condition.
6. **Bathroom Services:** Our bathrooms are undergoing some exciting remodels!
- a. Please wipe down the stalls and sinks you used after you use them
  - b. All children 6th Grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. The greeting staff will be asking children to return and get a parent or guardian before they are allowed to use the restroom.
  - c. If possible, try and use the restroom before you come to church and then wait until you get home. If needed, they are available downstairs for your use.
  - d. Before service please use the center ilse to exit the sanctuary
  - e. Once service begins use ilse closest to you to exit the sanctuary
  - f. Bathrooms are single/Family use only
  - g. During construction of the women's restroom everyone will use the men's restroom in the Cora Mann Room.

Thanks for taking the time to read through these guidelines. We are all safer when we work together. We have all greatly missed the physical gathering of our church family! Let's work together to make it as safe as possible! We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

In His Service,  
Your Wollaston Pastoral Staff