

Sunday Morning Protocols:

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. (We recognize getting young children to wear masks might be challenging. But modeling by parents and children who are bit older will be helpful.)

The only exception to the mask rule is the worship band and pastor while on stage. When band members and pastor come down off the stage, they must put on masks.

All attenders are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.

Greeters on the front porch shall wave and speak to those who approach the building, but shall wear masks and maintain social distancing of at least six feet. They will perform a head-scan temperature check on each individual prior to entering the building. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or more will not be admitted to the building (as per CDC guidelines). If anyone arrives without a mask, they will be given one from the church's supply.

There will be no nametags or kiosk during this phase.

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 on the porch or 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.

Ushers shall guide each person/family to a pew. Seating shall be filled from front to back, skipping pews so no person is seated directly behind another. Distancing between persons/families in the same pew shall be maintained.

At the end of the service ushers shall guide each person/family from the pew to the exit doors, starting at the back pew and moving forward.

Between services the tape marking off pews shall be moved to the previously occupied pews. The pews not used at the early service shall be used at the late service.

Between services a "clean team" will sanitize the wooden pew backs and end caps with Clorox wipes.

The congregation is strongly encouraged to sing quietly while wearing their masks, as strong singing can project "aerosols."

Two collection plates are at the entry doors to the sanctuary to receive offerings as people enter or exit. This avoids offering plates passing through many hands.

Prepackaged communion elements will be given to attendees at the sanctuary entry doors by a gloved usher. There will be no kneeling at the altar rail during this phase. After the service attendees can drop the packaging in waste baskets at the sanctuary doors.