

Church Reopening Survey Template
(based on survey created by Northville: First UMC)

[CHURCH NAME] Reopening Survey

Greetings, friends! [CHURCH NAME] staff and leadership are in the early stages of considering our “reopening plan.” Our priority is everyone’s safety as we consider reopening for worship and other activities. As eager as we are to be together, we will continue to pay attention to CDC guidelines, our Governor’s mandates, and our Bishop’s guidance for all UMC churches in the Michigan area.

Please take a moment to offer your feedback regarding your expectations and concerns as we consider what activities we resume, when, and especially how. It should take no more than 5 minutes to complete the survey.

We would appreciate your responses by [DUE DATE]. Thank you in advance for your responses!

Name:

Email:

Basic Information

What is your age?

- Less than 18
- 18-29
- 30-49
- 50-64
- 65+
- I prefer not to answer

Which worship service(s) do you normally attend?

- 9:15 am
- 11:00 am
- I don't attend regularly

Returning to Worship

When restrictions on group gatherings are lifted, which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church? Select one:

I will return the first opportunity we have.

I will return at the first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions.

I will wait several additional weeks before I attend.

It may be quite a while before I return.

At this point, I am not sure.

In addition to the lifting of restrictions, what other signals do you want to see before you attend a worship service at church? Select all that apply.

Local businesses are open again.

Local restaurant seating areas are open again.

Schools are open again.

The number of coronavirus cases near me is very small.

Most social distancing recommendations have been lifted.

None of these.

Not sure.

Precautions

What precautions do you plan to take when you return to worship? Select all that apply.

I will wear a face mask.

I will stand or sit in order to be at least 6 feet from others (beyond my own family).

I will avoid shaking hands.

I will avoid any physical contact.

I will avoid crowded hallways.

I will bring hand sanitizer.

None of these.

What precautions do you expect our church to take for worship gatherings? Select all that apply.

Limit paper handouts of any kind (e.g., worship bulletin, weekly Info, etc.).

Encourage social distancing in sanctuary seating.

Encourage social distancing in small group seating.

Prop doors open so people do not have to touch handles.

Provide hand sanitizer stations.

Perform temperature checks.

Discourage shaking hands.

Allow a longer period of time between worship service hours in order to sanitize.

None of these.

Other:

Children

Do you have children age 18 or younger who live with you and typically attend church with you?

Yes

No

If yes, would you allow your child(ren) to attend the children/youth experience where it typically meets?

Yes

Not right away

My children do not typically attend children or youth experience.

Unsure

Other:

Groups

Would you be willing to attend your activity/ small group/class where it typically meets?

Yes

Not right away.

I am not part of a group activity/small group/class.

Attendance

Which of the following describes the attendance level at which you would be comfortable attending a worship service? "I would be comfortable attending if the sanctuary is..."

Filled to capacity (every seat taken)

75% full (some empty seats throughout but no empty rows)

50% full (most people have empty seats either beside them or in front of them)

25% full (most people have empty seats beside them and in front of them)

None of these (at least right away)

When restrictions are lifted against public gatherings, which of the following would you prefer?

Resume in-person worship services at our church immediately.

Continue online worship only for a few more weeks before resuming in-person worship in the sanctuary.

Not sure.

Would you be willing to attend a worship service at a different time than you typically attend to allow people to be more spread out in the sanctuary?

Yes

No

Not sure

Would you be willing to attend a worship service in an overflow room (Chapel Lounge) to ensure people (in the sanctuary and overflow rooms) are spread out?

Yes

No

Not sure

Additional Comments

Please add any other comments you would like to share: