

## **LEXINGTON UMC CHURCH RE-OPENING GUIDELINES (REV 2.0)**

### **GUIDANCE FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

1. ALL IN ATTENDANCE WOULD COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING & PERSONAL HYGIENE STANDARDS AS FOLLOWS:
  - a. STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK
  - b. COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES WITH TISSUE & PLACE IN TRASH
  - c. WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP & WATER (20 SEC) OR USE HAND SANITIZER (60% ALCOHOL)
  - d. STAY 6 FT AWAY FROM OTHERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE
  - e. AVOID GATHERING WITH OTHERS
  - f. WEAR FACE MASKS OUT OF RESPECT FOR OTHERS
  - g. AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE
  - h. GREET OTHERS WITH A WAVE, AVOID HAND SHAKES / HUGS
2. WEARING OF MASKS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND WORSHIP. A COMPLIMENTARY MASK WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN NECESSARY. ACCESS TO WORSHIP WILL BE DENIED IF MASK WEARING IS REFUSED.
3. BEFORE ENTRY; NAME, CONTACT NUMBER, INSTANT READ BODY TEMP AND GENERAL HEALTH STATUS WOULD BE RECORDED TO FACILITATE CONTACT TRACING. IN THE EVENT OF ELEVATED TEMPERATURE READING OF 100.4 DEGREES (OR GREATER), OR IF QUESTIONABLE HEALTH STATUS, ENTRY WOULD BE POLITELY DENIED.
4. HAND SANITIZER STATIONS, TISSUES & WASTE RECEPTICALS WOULD BE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED UPON ENTRY & DEPARTURE.
5. ENTRY DOORS & RESTROOM DOORS WOULD REMAIN IN THE OPEN POSITION.
6. ALL UNNECESSARY SURFACES WOULD BE ELIMINATED.
7. HEIGHTENED SANITIZING OF THE WORSHIP AREA WOULD BE APPLIED BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES.

8. COFFEE DURING AND AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES WOULD BE SUSPENDED.
  
9. THE FACILITY WOULD BE USED PRIMARILY FOR WORSHIP SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRAMMING. OTHER USES INCLUDE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BIBLE STUDIES, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, UMW, UMM AND MYF GATHERINGS. EACH EVENT WOULD REQUIRE A FACILITY USE REQUEST APPROVED BY TRUSTEES, REGISTERING ALL IN ATTENDANCE FOR PURPOSES OF CONTACT TRACING, COMPLIANCE WITH WEARING OF MASKS AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH SPACE & SURFACE SANITIZING FOLLOWING THE EVENT. FOOD & BEVERAGE IS DISCOURAGED. IN THE EVENT A PERSON IN ATTENDANCE TESTS POSITIVE AT A LATER TIME, IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO TRUSTEES OR ADMINISTRATION MUST BE MADE TO ENABLE CONTACT TRACING.
  
10. A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION FALLS INTO THE HIGH RISK CATEGORY. HIGH RISK PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO STAY HOME INITIALLY. HIGH RISK IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:
  - a. PEOPLE AGED 65 OR GREATER
  - b. PEOPLE WITH HEART CONDITION
  - c. PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE OR ASTHMA
  - d. PEOPLE WITH DIABETES
  - e. PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE OR UNDERGOING DIALYSIS
  - f. PEOPLE WITH LIVER DISEASE
  - g. PEOPLE WITH SEVERE OBESITY (BMI OF 40 OR GREATER)
  - h. PEOPLE WHO ARE IMMUNE COMPROMISED
    1. CANCER TREATMENT
    2. BONE MARROW OR ORGAN TRANSPLANTS
    3. SMOKERS
    4. IMMUNE DEFICIENCIES
    5. HIV OR AIDS
    6. LONG TERM USE OF CORTICOSTEROIDS
    7. USE OF OTHER IMMUNE WEAKING MEDICATIONS

## SANCTUARY WORSHIP:

1. UPON ON ARRIVAL, GREETING STAFF WILL RECORD TEMPERATURE, VERIFY CONTACT INFORMATION & ASK IF PERSON HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL TESTING POSITIVE IN THE LAST 14 DAYS. HAND SANITIZER STATIONS, TISSUES & WASTE RECEPTICALS WILL BE PLACED ALONG THE ROUTE TO THE SANCTUARY.
2. MASKS ARE ESSENTIAL AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND WORSHIP. IN THE EVENT SOMEONE NEEDS A MASK, A COMPLIMENTARY MASK WILL BE OFFERED.
3. PEWS WILL BE MARKED FOR DESIGNATED SEATING TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE. ASSISTANCE IN SEATING SELECTION WILL BE OFFERED.
4. BIBLES, HYMNALS, ATTENDANCE PADS, CARDS & ENVELOPES WOULD BE REMOVED FROM PEWS.
5. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WOULD BE REPLACED WITH MEDITATIVE OR INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC AS DESIGNED BY WORSHIP LEADERS.
6. USHERS WILL NOT SERVE IN THE TRADITIONAL ROLE, IF BULLETINS ARE PROVIDED THEY WILL BE PLACED AT THE POINT OF SEATING PRIOR TO SERVICE. PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE BULLETIN MATERIAL HOME.
7. TITHES & OFFERINGS WOULD NOT BE COLLECTED ONLY BLESSED. AS PEOPLE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY, OFFERING PLATES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS.
8. TO PROVIDE AN ORDERLY AND SAFE DISTANCE DEPARTURE, WORSHIPPERS WOULD BE RELEASED BY SECTION & PEW ROW FROM THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

9. ELEVATOR SERVICE WOULD BE DISCOURAGED. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT IT BECOMES NECESSARY AN ATTENDANT WOULD BE STATIONED AT EACH FLOOR TO CALL FOR, OPEN AND CLOSE THE UNIT. THE UNIT WOULD BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH USE. ONLY PEOPLE FROM SAME HOUSEHOLD WOULD RIDE TOGETHER.
10. PRAYER REQUESTS, JOYS & CONCERNS WOULD BE EXPRESSED IN A DIFFERENT METHOD AS CARDS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.
11. COMMUNION WOULD NOT BE SERVED IN THE TRADITIONAL STYLE.
12. BAGS FOR CHILDREN WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE NARTHEX.

#### OTHER PROGRAMMING & SERVICES

1. WORSHIP IN THE PARK WOULD BE CANCELLED OR DELAYED BASED ON VENUE AVAILABILITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.
2. VBS WOULD BE CANCELLED FOR THE SEASON.
3. IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE (MID FALL).
4. UMW & UMM SUMMER PROGRAMS & FUND RAISING EFFORTS WOULD BE CANCELLED FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.
5. THE CHURCH PICNIC WOULD BE CANCELLED FOR JULY.
6. THE SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAM WOULD BE CANCELLED.
7. FALL START UP PROGRAMMING WOULD BE CANCELLED OR DELAYED UNTIL A SAFE DATE CAN BE ESTABLISHED.
8. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE ATTENDING, WITH SERVICES TO BE HELD AT THE GRAVE SITE ONLY.
9. WEDDING REQUESTS WOULD BE DEFERRED TO A SAFER DATE.