

COVID-19 Reopening Protocol Addendum-2

The leadership of Due West United Methodist Church continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and the widespread availability of the COVID-19 vaccine in hopes of exiting the worldwide pandemic. While COVID-19 is not gone, we are excited to see the effects of social distancing guidelines and vaccines on the spread of the virus. From the peak of 75 cases per 100k individuals in Cobb county in January to roughly 17 cases per 100k individuals in Cobb County in mid-March, we continue to see numbers moving in the right direction. We hope and pray that these trends continue throughout the rest of Spring and through the Summer.

In light of the encouraging data that currently exists, the leadership of the church thought it fruitful to think through benchmarks for the relaxing of COVID-19 protocols. Below you will find four phases that outline our hopeful path out of the pandemic. As always, these phases are subject to change at the discretion of the leadership of Due West UMC based on new data and in light of changes in the spread of COVID-19. The purpose of this document is to guide the congregation in navigating this time and to provide a clear and transparent path forward.

- Phase 1 (Current Phase)
 - COVID-19 protocols in place:
 - Masks required at all times during worship services.
 - Social distancing of 6 feet from others not in the same household.
 - Registration for worship services required for the purpose of contact tracing.
 - Large space capacities as follows:
 - Building A Sanctuary: 200
 - Building C Sanctuary: 100
 - Building B: 100
 - Masks and social distancing required for small group meetings.
 - Other guidelines as posted and communicated through Church website and Facebook.
- Phase 2
 - Phase 2 will begin on April 11th, 2021.
 - COVID-19 protocol changes from Phase 1:
 - Masks required when entering the building and when moving around the narthex and sanctuary. Masks may be removed when seated in the sanctuary and when not singing. Masks will still be required for congregational singing.
 - Large Space Capacity increases:
 - Building A Sanctuary: 250
 - Building C Sanctuary: 125
 - Building B: 150
 - Masks and social distancing of 6ft are recommended during small group meetings. Groups have the flexibility to determine the protocols they will uphold while they are meeting in their room. Masks and social distancing

will still be required when moving through public spaces (i.e. hallways, lobby, bathrooms, etc).

- Phase 3
 - COVID-19 protocol changes from Phase 2:
 - Masks required when entering the building and when moving around the narthex. Masks may be removed when seated. Masks will not be required during congregational singing.
 - What triggers phase 3?
 - When the risk assessment number as defined by the Brown School of Public Health through their online Risk Assessment Tool (globalepidemics.org) falls below “5” for a minimum of **ten** consecutive days.
- Phase 4
 - Elimination of all COVID-19 protocols.
 - Masks will not be required.
 - Social distancing will not be enforced.
 - Attendance will not be limited.
 - Registration for services will not be offered.
 - No restrictions on small group meetings.
 - What triggers phase 4?
 - When Cobb County reached herd immunity from COVID-19 as defined by public health officials.

It is impossible for the leadership of the church to know when we will be able to enter into these phases. We have hope that the church may be able to enter “phase 4” by the end of the summer. The church will communicate the change in phases with the congregation as clearly as possible through email communication, Facebook videos, and the website. Please stay connected to these means of communication to receive the most updated information. Thank you for your understanding as we have navigated this time together. Reaching these phases will continue to require our diligence in keeping each other safe. However, we look forward to taking our masks off and giving hugs in the future.