



Due West UMC COVID-19 Reopening Protocol – Addendum

Rationale

At the time of this document's creation, COVID-19 continues to present a risk to people around the world. The leadership of the church gives thanks for the willingness of the church to live into the created procedures and protocols during this trying time as we do our part to limit the spread of the virus. It is our belief, that in following these procedures and protocols, we are living into Christ's commandment in John chapter 13 to love one another as Christ loves us. On the cross, Christ sacrificed His life so that we might experience the fullness of creation. Through the sacrifices we have made during COVID-19, we have also foregone much for the sake of others. We do not equate our sacrifice with that of Christ on the cross, but we recognize that in following these procedures and protocols we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

As we continue to navigate the waters of life during COVID-19, the leadership of the church continues to examine all of the ways that we can keep people safe during this time while also living into our existence as the Body of Christ. Pursuant to the COVID-19 Reopening Protocol adopted by Due West UMC on the 28th day of September 2020, the leadership of the church has remained committed to evaluating and assessing the church's health and safety procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. As time progresses, it is important to take a step back to examine our processes. As we learn more about the virus and its spread, it is important to reassess the protocols and procedures we have put in place. This document seeks to continue finding a balance between upholding the safety of all persons while striving to return to normal operations.

All of the guidelines from the document titled "Due West United Methodist Church COVID-19 Reopening Protocol" will remain in force until the times and dates established within said document, unless amended by the following addendum. Due West UMC reserves the right to revise any portion of this document, or the document titled "Due West United Methodist Church COVID-19 Reopening Protocol" as time passes and as more information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic becomes available.

Respectfully Submitted on this 7th day of December 2020,

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Amendments:

1) Effective January 3rd, 2021, temperature checks will no longer be required before worship services or small group gatherings. In the interest of contact tracing for possible exposure, worship reservations and sign-in sheets will still be implemented for all worship services or small group gatherings.

2) In accordance with the announcement made during worship on November 22nd, 2020, congregational singing will be permitted at all Sunday morning worship services. With the use of masks and through social distancing, current research indicates that congregational singing may be permitted. With the reintroduction of congregational singing, the leadership of the church will continue exploring ways in which in-person choral ensembles may be reintroduced to worship safely.

3) Effective January 3rd, 2021, those that attend worship will not be escorted out of the sanctuary by ushers. As they leave, worship attenders will be asked to maintain social distancing as they exit and interact with other worship attenders. People will also be encouraged to socialize with friends and family outside the building, as much as possible, to limit indoor exposure time.

4) Due West Church leadership will continue to monitor current COVID-19 statistics as it relates to the abundant availability of a COVID-19 vaccine and numbers of daily cases. As the leadership monitors these numbers, it will continue to assess when it might be deemed appropriate to drop the requirement of masks during worship services and small group gatherings.