

Highlighted Overview

1. Worship Obligation

Members should not feel obligated to worship in-person during the pandemic. Members not worshipping in person, should continue with their obligation of weekly worship by joining in one of our electronic formats. We will continue to offer YouTube Live Stream, Facebook Live, and Phone Stream. Additionally, on most Sundays we will also offer Zoom.

2. Only Come If...

Only come if you are feeling healthy, do not have a fever, are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, are able to wear a cloth mask that covers your mouth and nose, are not at risk from an exposure of spreading COVID-19 to others, are not living with someone who is potential risk, and are willing and able to follow the safety guidelines.

3. Masks Required

Wearing a cloth mask that covers both your mouth and nose will be required for those over the age of 2:

- a. For anyone in the building who is not fully vaccinated (with exceptions for eating/drinking while socially distant).
- b. For everyone while singing (except for the cantor and designated singers who will sing only from the bell table area).
- c. For everyone when social distancing is not possible.
- d. For everyone if one or more youth younger than 12 years old is present.
- e. For everyone sitting in the "mask required" section of pews (provided for those who prefer to only sit with others who are masked).
- f. The wearing of masks for fully vaccinated worshipers is optional when: socially distant from others (seated in a socially distant pew), when all worshipers are at least 12 years old, and when not singing.
- g. Fully vaccinated worship leaders may remove their masks when in their designated leadership area, which will include additional safety spacing for public speaking.
- h. Ushers/Greeters will wear masks when welcoming and assisting worshipers. All worshipers should wear masks when entering the building for the safety and comfort of those who are greeting and welcoming them.
- i. Masks may be temporarily removed at the direction of the pastor for consuming the communion elements.
- j. While socially distant, masks may be temporarily lifted/moved for taking a drink during worship, Sunday school, youth group, and other activities/meetings.

5. Social Distancing

Sanctuary seating and the Miller Fellowship Hall will be marked for social distancing.
For special occasions, such as baptisms, a section of pews may be marked for family seating.

6. Entering/Exiting & Contact Tracing

Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances/exits for all activities, and everyone is encouraged to wash/sanitize their hands frequently.
Worshipers will enter the building along Pearl Street (the doors at the stairway).
Ushers will take attendance and collect contact tracing information. Attendance for contact tracing will also be conducted by teachers/leaders for Sunday school and youth group.

7. Indoor Fellowship

The Fellowship Hall will be set up for social distancing. Eating/drinking should only take place when seated at a socially distant table.
Masks are to be worn when not able to be socially distant.
Servers are to wear masks while serving.

8. CHYLD Workers

For those who work with vulnerable populations we already require "CHYLD Worker Status" (including those who teach Sunday school, lead youth, help in the nursery, visit in the hospital and nursing homes, etc). All those who have "CHYLD Worker Status" are required to provide proof of vaccination to continue in that role.

9. Sunday School

All Sunday school participants will have a temperature check.
Mask wearing for fully vaccinated adult students and their teachers is optional when able to be socially distant.
Youth Sunday school students and their teachers and helpers must wear masks.

10. Youth Group

When outdoors, while socially distant, socially distant outdoors, mask wearing is optional.
When indoors, mask wearing is required for youth and adults.

***Please note that this plan is subject to change as more information becomes available and changes are happening with respect to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will continue to post updates on our website at: <http://www.sprucc.org/news-a-events/news.html#COVID19Precautions>.

