

COVID Safety Plan

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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

Masks refer to a cloth mask that covers nose, mouth, and chin.

- a. **Masks Required:** for anyone in the building who is **over the age of 4 and not fully vaccinated** (with exceptions for eating/drinking while socially distant).
- b. **Masks Required:** for everyone **while singing** (except for the cantor and designated singers who will sing only from the bell table area).
- c. Even if vaccinated, masks are encouraged when social distancing is not possible.
- d. Until a vaccine is available for 2-4 year olds, whenever it is optional for "fully vaccinated" people, mask wearing is optional for that age range (at the discretion of their parents/guardians).
- e. Fully vaccinated worship leaders may remove their masks when in their socially distant designated leadership area.
- f. As social distancing is not possible in the choir loft, the choir will mask at all times when in the choir loft.
- g. Ushers/Greeters will wear masks when welcoming and assisting worshipers. All worshipers are encouraged to wear masks when not socially distant from others, including when entering and leaving the sanctuary.
- h. Masks may be temporarily removed at the direction of the pastor for consuming the communion elements.
- i. While socially distant, masks may be temporarily lifted/moved for taking a drink during worship, Sunday school, youth group, and other activities/meetings.
- j. Masks are neither required nor encouraged for children ages 0-2 years old.

5. Social Distancing

Worshipers are encouraged to seat themselves socially distant from others. At least one section of sanctuary seating will be marked for social distancing (on the piano side of the sanctuary). For special occasions, such as baptisms, funerals, etc 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. 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 Miller Fellowship Hall will be set up for social distancing. Eating/drinking should only take place when seated at a socially distant table. 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

For Adult classes: mask wearing for fully vaccinated adult students and their teachers is optional, and encouraged to be worn when not able to be socially distant.
For Youth Sunday school: students over the age of 2 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 optional for fully vaccinated youth and adults when able to be socially distant.

***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>.