

CCA Updates on Covid-19 Protocols

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At this time, the medical science indicates that the risk of serious illness as evidenced by hospitalization by Covid-19 virus is ameliorated. In light of that, the CCA Re-opening Committee has determined that it is appropriate to loosen the restrictions on our gathering practices. Effective April 2, 2022, the following practices will be in place:

1. Masking will be optional throughout the church including worship, Fellowship, church meetings, Family Game Night, etc.
2. Social distancing will be optional as well. Those who still prefer to keep a social distance while seated in the pews are encouraged to use the "Social Distancing Cards" already in the pews to create a "safe" space.
3. Friendship Registers will again be passed during worship which will mean we will no longer need to take names at the door of the sanctuary.
4. Offering plates will be passed during worship.
5. The Passing of the Peace will remain as it has been most recently: hug the one you're with and wave or share the "peace" sign with those around you.
6. It is anticipated that the choir will return on Easter Sunday.
7. Beginning Palm Sunday one hymn will be sung by the congregation during the service.
8. Communion will be conducted as it has been most recently: bread and juice will be passed throughout the congregation.
9. The plexiglass shields have been removed from the pulpit and the lectern.
10. The "Masks Required" signs have been removed from the church entrances.

The members of the Re-opening Committee recognize that there will still be concerns about these practices on the part of some church goers. However, we also recognize that we have a very responsible congregation that will continue to be sensitive to everyone's protection and well-being. We ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward with the life of this church. As always, should the health risks become significant again, we will return to the "best practices" to keep our church family safe and healthy. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Re-opening Committee: Sue Manchester, Doug Topliffe, Russ Demarest, Tom and Sue Werst, Kathy Skoglund, Keith Lammers, M.D., Pastors Maureen and Kate.

Peace!

CCA Ad hoc Re-opening Committee