

# **Community United Church of Christ COVID-19 Protocols**

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As more becomes known about the coronavirus, Community United Church of Christ (CUCC) has developed the following protocols for church-related activities. These protocols are subject to change at any time.

## **Small Group Interactions:**

- Masking and social distancing should be observed at all times.
- CUCC small groups (adults) can gather in the Parlor or Fellowship Hall using the marked off locations.
- Staff should wear masks and practice social distancing at all times while in the building unless one person is alone in an office with a door that closes.
- Groups can meet in a restaurant subject to then-current Health Department limits and protocols.
- Indoor choir rehearsals are permitted in the Sanctuary but should be limited to one hour. 3
- Jubilee Café should continue offering drive-up service exclusively.
- CUCC groups (including those for kids and adults) of any size can gather outside, including groups of singers (choir, caroling).

## **In-Person Worship:**

- In-person worship is only possible while we are in the State of Illinois “Bridge to Phase 5” or Phase 5.
- Masks and social distancing requirements must be observed. Persons from more than one household can sit together provided all such persons are comfortable doing so.
- No congregational singing or group recitation, except: Short, responsive prayers are acceptable. The final hymn of the service may be sung by the congregation (while masked).
- Vaccinated worship leaders may remove their masks while speaking from the pulpit or lectern.
- The choir can sing from the chancel provided all members are vaccinated and masked and the first four rows of pews are roped off.
- Vaccinated, masked soloists can sing from the choir loft and a single vaccinated, masked soloist can sing from the chancel without requiring pews to be roped off.
- The duration of the service will be 60 minutes or less.
- No offering plates, shared sacraments, or physical contact.
- Post-worship socialization can take place inside or outside; no food or drink will be provided at this time.
- Kids in confirmation or Sunday School may meet so long as they are masked and distanced.
- To maintain social distancing, our sanctuary capacity is 100.
- People will be seated by an usher on high volume Sundays to ensure social distancing; they will be released by row to avoid bunching in the center aisle.

## **Important:**

- All persons who are eligible for a vaccine are encouraged to get one.
- Any person who has COVID-19 symptoms, who has had a recent positive COVID-19 test, or who has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home.
- Each person must make their own decision about attending a gathering of any size given their vaccination status, personal health history, past exposure, recent travel, risk tolerance, underlying health conditions, and age.
- By entering CUCC, participating in a CUCC event, or using CUCC space, all attendees in any activity acknowledge that CUCC cannot guarantee that attendees will not become infected with the Coronavirus/COVID-19. Attendees understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of anyone, including, but not limited to, CUCC staff, volunteers, other groups, or their families.