

Recommendation for Covenant Presbyterian Church Reopening Guidelines November 14, 2021

We recommend that Covenant remain open for Worship, Sunday School and other Covenant sponsored activities using social distancing and frequent hand washing/sanitizing with the following considerations:

- The side rooms should not be used for Sunday School or meetings/activities due to the poor ventilation in those rooms.
- The Kitchen may be used with the door open and, ideally, a fan should be running at the door.
- The Sanctuary may be used for Sunday School and meetings/activities.
- The Library may be used for up to 12 people for Sunday School and meetings/activities.
- The Fellowship Hall may be used for up to 25 people for Sunday School and meetings/activities.
- Singing while wearing masks may occur. (See Mask Policy below)
- If food is offered at any event, consider pre-packaged options, and avoid buffet or family-style meals if possible. This includes communion where the sacraments should be prepackaged.

Our **Mask Policy** remains the same and is as follows:

Out of an abundance of caution, we advise that participants attending indoor activities at Covenant continue to wear masks until the risk level of COVID-19 infection is LOW. The CDC guidelines relaxing the wearing of masks only apply to fully vaccinated individuals. Our informal poll of Covenant worship attendees found that approximately 20% are not vaccinated. There are some that are too young, are allergic, or are immunosuppressed that precludes them from being fully vaccinated. To determine the COVID-19 risk level we are using the Covid Tracker website for Washington county:

https://covidactnow.org/us/tennessee-tn/county/washington_county/?s=25371450

These are some of the **Considerations for Communities of Faith** from the CDC:

- Correctly and consistently wear a mask that completely covers your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol)
- Get vaccinated when the vaccine is available to you
- Get tested if you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

Even if you and others (including children) do not feel sick and do not have any symptoms, you can still spread COVID-19 to family, friends, and community.

Do NOT be around others if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, if you are sick, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19.

The complete Considerations for Communities of Faith from the CDC can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>