

Parkwood Church COVID Reopening Plan

Approved by Session 10/6/2020

Introduction and Rationale

The health and safety of the faith community is of utmost importance to the staff and session of Parkwood Church. We also understand the importance of physically joining together for in person worship. The session of Parkwood has committed to return to worship as soon as possible, following health expert guidelines and guidance from ecclesiastical and governmental recommendations. In order for the church to be able to return to in person worship the following guidelines need to be followed.

General Understandings

As Parkwood moves to in person worship, we will follow recommendations from the CDC and health experts. This includes, but is not limited to, social distancing, wearing of masks and sanitizing stations. We believe that the Parkwood community will commit to these guidelines in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment for one another.

- *If you are feeling sick you will NOT attend worship and may watch worship virtually. If you are having any of the following symptoms please STAY HOME.*
 - *NEW Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
 - *Fever over 100.4°F or chills*
 - *Cough*
 - *Fatigue*
 - *Muscle or body aches*
 - *Headache*
 - *New loss of taste or smell*
 - *Sore throat*
 - *Congestion or runny nose*
 - *Nausea or vomiting*
 - *Diarrhea*
- *If you are at risk or immune compromised you will NOT attend in person worship until Phase 3.*
- *Commit to following the Reopening Plan and Phased Reopening.*
- *Wearing masks will be required covering the mouth and nose at all times while inside the building.*
- *Please maintain social distancing at all times (including entering and leaving the church building, including)*
- *Sanitizing Stations will be available.*

Phase One Reopening – Beginning Oct 4th

Beginning on October 4, weather permitting, the worshipping community will meet outside of the church grounds for morning worship at 11:00 AM in addition to our virtual worship on Facebook Live and our website. If the weather is inclement, worship will be ONLINE ONLY.

The following guidelines will be followed during Phase One

- *Individuals can remain in their vehicles or use their own chairs/blankets during worship. Church chairs will NOT be available.*
- *Social distancing is required. All must remain at least 6 feet from others who are not in their family pod.*
- *Masks are required when out of your vehicle or moving from your seat or family pod.*
- *Bathrooms will be open in the church, but those using the facilities MUST only use designated areas.*
- *Sanitizing Stations will be available.*

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Phase Two Reopening – Beginning Oct 25th

Beginning on Sunday, October 25th we will begin in person worship in the Sanctuary in addition to our virtual worship on Facebook Live and website. We will open at 25% capacity (75 people) on a reservation system.

Those wishing to worship in the Sanctuary:

- Will need to call or email the office by Thursday at noon each week to make a reservation, stating the number of people from your family that will be attending. Seating will be given on a first come, first serve basis. If seats are filled, you will have priority the following week.*
- Will be given an assigned seat. (each pew will be given a number, and each seat in the pew will have a designation)*
- Will be dismissed at the end of the service by elders by row, starting at the back of the church*
- Will agree to the guidelines listed below.*

The following guidelines will be followed during Phase Two

- Social distancing is required. All must remain at least 6 feet from others who are not in their family pod. This includes entering and leaving the church.*
- Masks are required to be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while in the church.*
- Worshippers will only enter through the front door and go directly to their assigned seats.*
- Bathrooms may only be accessed through the narthex door by the hallway.*

What to expect at worship during Phase 2

- The excitement and joy of being back together as a worshipping community!*
- Enlightening messages expounding on the Word of God.*
- No congregant singing or choir, but including wonderful music praising God from our church musicians.*
- You will have a Worship Kit of everything you will need for morning worship at your seat. (This also includes kid activities and communion items)*
- There will be no Passing of the Peace.*
- There will be no passing of the Offering Plates. (Baskets will be provided as you enter and leave the Church)*
- Communion will be shared through prepackaged communion cups.*
- Sanitizing Stations will be available for your convenience.*
- 2 Elders to assist you and to ensure that guidelines are being maintained.*

Phase Three Reopening will occur when it is safe to do so according to guidelines from CDC and Health officials.