

## **Lord of Life COVID Procedures for Return to Building – July 14, 2021**

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for all parishioners and guests to be able to engage in worship in a manner and setting that ensures all feel safe and that they can engage with authenticity. At each monthly council meeting, we will review updated state guidance, review the use of the building, and adjust accordingly. Any changes will be communicated via the weekly. For the time being, our practices are as described below:

### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

The four main precautions being employed to ensure safety are: Masks, Physical Distancing, Proper Air Circulation, and Sanitation. Masks and Physical Distancing were described above.

**Air Circulation** – Each building has multiple central air systems. All external dampers, which allow exterior air into the system, have been opened, which is one of the primary CDC recommendations. Fans will be run when the building is occupied. Fans will also be run for at least 1 hour after a group of more than 10 people, prior to the next building use. In addition, when an area of the building is in use as many doors and windows as possible will be opened. Upgrades to the filtration systems are being explored in preparation for fall and winter, when cold weather may limit the use of outside air. In the education building, no room partitions may be used, as it limits air flow.

**Sanitization** – Sanitizing wipes will be located in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and restrooms. Individuals are welcomed to use these wipes to clean any surface prior to their use. Sanitization will occur between building uses either by using a sanitizing wipe to wipe down high-touch surfaces, or by using a sanitizing aerosolizer.

### **ENTERING THE BUILDING**

There will be hand sanitizer stations set up at both the main entrance and kitchen entrance.

### **IN BUILDING WORSHIP**

In Building worship will occur at 8:15 and be a spoken service. Upon entering a volunteer will provide parishioners with an individual communion kit, while another will take attendance.

Starting July 25<sup>th</sup>, rows will be placed 3ft apart. While there is no requirement for physical distancing, please only sit in seats that have the Alleluia. If you would like some distance between you and the next person in the row, please take the alleluia from the chairs surrounding you (1 row front and back and 1-2 adjacent).

Instead of passing around an offering plate, one will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. Communion will occur in seats using individual kits provided upon entrance to the sanctuary. For the peace, we will not use handshakes or hugs.

### **RESTROOM USAGE**

To ensure effective airflow, the fans in the restrooms will be on whenever the building is in use. The doors will remain open, except when the restroom is in use. When finished using the restroom, please remember to prop the door open when you leave.

There will be sanitizing wipes in the restrooms so that those who wish may wipe down surfaces.

### **PARKING LOT WORSHIP**

We will continue to use a 9:30 drive-in worship, with increased opportunity for distanced seating, tailgating, and potentially singing.

## **MASK USAGE and PHYSICAL DISTANCING and SYMPTONS**

Do not attend a meeting or gathering at church if you have experienced any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours:

- Sore Throat
- Difficulty breathing (If you have a chronic condition, has it worsened?)
- Cough (If you have a chronic condition, has it worsened?)
- Diarrhea or Vomiting
- Headache
- Severe Congestion
- Unusual Fatigue
- Fever of 100.4 degrees and are vaccinated

Also please do not attend if:

- In the past 10 days you have had a fever of over 100.4 degrees and are unvaccinated
- In the past 10 days, you have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID and are unvaccinated
- In the past 7 days, you have traveled out of state and are unvaccinated, unless you also receive a negative COVID test.

For mask use and Physical Distancing, general guidance will follow Washington State Guidelines:

- Physical Distancing is no longer required
- Masks do not need to be worn outside or by fully vaccinated individuals inside
- Masks still need to be worn inside by those who are unvaccinated.
- Individual groups should consider the comfortability of all members of their group and may agree to tighter restrictions
- Individuals who are not required to wear masks can still choose to continue to wear them. We know that many of you who are vaccinated will continue to wear masks in an abundance of caution and in solidarity with our children, who are not able to be vaccinated at this time.

## **FELLOWSHIP and FOOD AND DRINK**

The water fountain and coffee maker will be turned off. Please bring your own drinks.

Any food or drink related fellowship will occur outside, either in the parking lot, outside the main doors or on the lawn.

## **NON-WORSHIP BUILDING USE**

During non-worship building use, all precautions, including ventilation, sanitization, and restroom usage still hold. Groups will stay confined to spaces that are necessary for their activity.

Each group will need to have a person responsible for ensuring that the fan is running, windows are open as weather permits, restroom fan is on and doors open (except when in use), and that high touch surfaces are wiped down with sanitizing wipes prior to leaving. Groups of over 10 may be required to have an individual stay 1 hour after building use to flush the air.

See the Building Use Checklist on the last page.

**RESTRICTED AREAS**

Due to limited airflow, the Nursery, Shirley's office, Pastor's office and the office workroom are off limits, except for required use

**SUPPLIES**

If sanitizing wipes or hand sanitizer are running low, please let Shirley, Pastor, or Leif know.

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## BUILDING USE CHECKLIST (COVID – other regular building use, such as alarm and locking may still apply)

Name of Responsible Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

### Before building use:

- Open doors and windows in spaces to be used
- Turn on fan in spaces to be used (Turn Fan from Auto to On)
- Ensure restroom doors are hooked open and restroom fans are on.

### During Building use:

- Nursery is off limits

### After building use:

- IF GROUP of >10 (unless we are able to program fans) – stay for 1 hour before turning off air
- Turn off restroom fans
- Close windows in doors
- Turn of fan in space that was used
- If the restroom was used, wipe down door handles between the used space and the restroom, including the restroom.
- Wipe down light switches, door handles and tables/counters in used space.