



**Waseca Christian Assembly
2020 Re-Opening Preparedness Plan
Updated July 25, 2020**

In light of the Governor's Stay Safe MN orders, and as public spaces have been allowed to re-open, we, the Church Council of Waseca Christian Assembly, have established the following guidelines to help prevent the spread of covid-19:

- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** (with the exception of children under the age of 6 years, and those whose health prohibits them from wearing a mask).
- Based on the architectural drawings of our facility, maximum seating in our sanctuary is 300; at 50% occupancy, this allows for up to 150 persons in our sanctuary. Should more than 150 attendees arrive, latecomers will be asked to leave the building and join us for worship via Facebook or YouTube. A second service may be added at a later date if needed.
- Row (chair) seating is arranged in such a way to adhere to 6' distancing. If sharing a row, at least 2 chairs will be left vacant between household units.
- No physical touch – (i.e. no handshakes, hugs high fives, etc); 6' social distancing will be requested of all persons not living in the same household.
- Families (households) are requested to sit together in the sanctuary.

- The church building will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each service.
- Seats and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized between services.
- Hand sanitizer stations are set up throughout the building – hand sanitizer is available at each sanctuary door, all exits, and bathrooms. All attendees will be encouraged to utilize these when entering and exiting.

- Signage at all entrances include a health screening checklist, as published by the MDH. Any who may have any of these symptoms, or who has been exposed to a person with any of these symptoms, will be asked to worship at home.
- Those who are considered "vulnerable" and/or "at risk" are encouraged to stay home and worship with us via online broadcasts.
- Those who don't feel well or who have a temperature will be asked to return to their home.
- All attendees are required to use masks.

- The kitchen, nursery and all classrooms not being utilized for worship, Children's Church or Junior Church, will be closed and locked.
- Coffee/food will not be served.
- Drinking fountains will not be available for use.

- Services will be 60 minutes or less.
- Children's Church (grades K-6) and Junior Church (ages 3-5) will be held during Sunday morning worship, both groups will follow established covid guidelines.
- Nursery (for those under the age of 3) will not be available.

- All doors, with the exception of restroom doors, will be propped open. Exterior doors will be unlocked and propped open from 9:45 to 10:05 am, and from 10:55 to 11:10 am; sanctuary doors will remain propped open during all services.
- At the close of the service, attendees will be dismissed by row, being encouraged to maintain social distancing, utilizing all three building exits, and leaving promptly to their vehicles.

- Offering plates will not be passed during services. Receptacles (pails) will be available at each exit for contributions. Online giving will be encouraged.
- When celebrating Communion, pre-packaged communion elements will be placed on individual seats prior to each service.

- Only two persons will be allowed in each restroom at a time. Signs regarding this policy will be posted on all restroom doors.
- Signs about sneezing/coughing etiquette are posted throughout the building.

Though we are taking necessary steps to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and to protect those attending our services, there is a possibility of contracting COVID-19 while attending Waseca Christian Assembly.

*You are ultimately responsible for your own health.
When you attend a service or event AT Waseca Christian Assembly,
you acknowledge the possibility of contracting COVID-19.*

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