

November 18, 2020

Dear Family at Shepherd of the Hills,

In these times of the pandemic, the only constant we seem to experience is change. At Shepherd, we have had to be very fluid in how we are operating under the regulations of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Arapahoe County.

As of Friday, November 20th, Arapahoe County is moving to Level Red: Severe Risk.

What this means for Shepherd:

- Shepherd is currently operating within the conditions of this risk level, and we will continue to offer in-person worship limited to 50 people per service (registration required)
- Every Sunday and weekly Bible study is moving to remote only; this also includes SHYP (high school) and Confirmation
- Sunday School in-person is suspended
- The church offices are closed except to staff
- Our Early Learning Center, an essential service, remains open
- **Individual, family, or small group (10 total) Holy Communion is always available, by appointment with the Pastors.**

To provide you information to prepare for various risk levels, attached is a chart showing how Shepherd will operate at these various levels.

As you see from the chart, the capacity level for worship services varies based on the risk level and is determined by the guidance from CDPHE and Arapahoe County, as well as our capacity to safely social distance within the facility. The need to require registration is driven by the capacity of the service and the likelihood of reaching capacity without registration. For example, in early Traditional we would likely exceed the 50-limit capacity without registration and would have to turn away worshipers to maintain social distancing requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the pastors, Ed Barstad, or Tad Deering.

Your Shepherds in Christ,

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