LCC RE-GATHERING Guidelines: PHASE 3

Our next level of regathering will include the opportunity for people to attend a Sunday “video showing” in the sanctuary of the pre-recorded service for the week. Initially, this will occur at 9:00 AM when the service typically goes “live” online. This will allow us several opportunities:

- To provide the option of people beginning to gather on Sunday mornings again.
- To learn experientially about the logistics of having somewhat larger groups in the building in advance of having “live” worship services in the future.
- The continuation of online worship for others who cannot attend in person.

After we have begun offering the 9:00 event, if both need and ability allow, we will look toward adding either an additional space for viewing in the building at 9 AM, and/or consider another viewing time in addition to 9:00.

In addition to Sunday worship viewing, other possibilities for this phase include:

- Resumption of CR large group and small group meetings on Thursday evenings. Up to 20 minutes of “live” worship would be possible provided that building and room occupancy limits are observed, worship leaders are socially distanced with a maximum of two vocalists each week, and other participants wear face coverings as outlined below. Small group capabilities and limits will need to be coordinated with the church office and/or the facilities manager.
- Weddings, funerals, and wakes will also be possible.
- The opportunity for community groups to be present on a limited basis during the recording of each week’s message.
- The opportunity for community groups to meet onsite following the worship event itself, and the possibility of offering other sermon-based discussion groups as well. In addition to the reservation, occupancy, and other provisions for this phase, previously-established guidelines for smaller group gatherings will also apply.

Reservations and Occupancy Limitations

- Because of social distancing and space capacity considerations, total attendance will be by reservation only and will be limited to 60 people, including all participants and necessary staff. Registrations will be handled through the church office or on the church website, and attendance will be taken in case follow up for contact tracing or other purposes is needed at a later date. The first week’s worship gathering will be on a “first-registered, first-served” basis. For the following weeks, priority will be given to those who have not been able to attend onsite already.
- Doors will open 10-15 minutes before the expected start time. They will be secured 10 minutes into the service.
- Entries and exits will be monitored at all times. Only pre-registered attendees may join the group.
- No enclosed space in the building may exceed occupancy of 10 persons per 1,000 square feet.

General Standards

- Please do not attend if:
  - You are experiencing a fever or feeling feverish, chills, a new cough, shortness of breath, a new sore throat, new muscle aches, new headache, new loss of smell or taste.
  - You have had a “close contact” with an individual that has been diagnosed with COVID-19—living in the same household or been within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more within the last 14 days.
You have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by your doctor or other public health official.

- Persons who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home.

**Social Distancing**

- Attendees who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart.
- Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together, either in pews or at tables which will be available in the “overflow” section of the sanctuary.
- Rows will be blocked off and kept empty to allow for sufficient distancing. Within rows, tape markers and signage will indicate the maximum number of persons permitted.
- Ventilation will be promoted for enclosed spaces where possible by opening windows and doors to allow airflow.

**Entering andExiting**

- Attendees will be encouraged to be aware of others in the building and take steps to social distance at all times.
- Provisions for entering and exiting for this phase will be consistent with those established in phase 2.
- Signs and floor markings will be posted to direct attendees through the building. Attendees will typically exit through a different door than the one where they entered.
- If a line forms while waiting to enter the building, signs and ground markings will help attendees to maintain 6 feet distance.
- Staff or volunteers will be available to direct people in high traffic areas.
- Row by row exiting will be used at the end of the service.

**Face Coverings**

- All attendees, staff, and other participants will be required to wear masks.
- The pastor, worship leader, or others may remove their masks while engaged in leading the service, provided they are able to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other persons present. They will replace their face covering when they are not up front.
- Children age two or older who are able to wear a mask and maintain social distancing will be welcome to participate.
- Parents are encouraged to bring appropriate activities for their children to engage with during the service to minimize distractions for them and others.
- For the safety of others, persons who are unable or unwilling to wear masks will not be allowed to enter the building. Requiring all participants to wear masks will allow participants who wish to sing along with the music to do so while minimizing risk.

**Other Service Concerns**

- All financial contributions/offerings will be collected by using the black boxes at the back of the sanctuary, mailing in your donation, or giving electronically.
- If possible, communion will be served as scheduled using prepackaged elements.
- There will be no pre- or post-service large group gatherings (e.g. coffee time)
- Water fountains will be unavailable. However, we will have individual water bottles on site for a greeter to offer in case there is a definite need for water by a worshipper.
- We will have a bathroom designated for emergencies only.
• Support or small groups may be allowed for groups of 10 or less provided appropriate space is available and groups reserve space ahead of Sunday.
• People can congregate in the parking lot after service without face masks, but maintaining 6 feet of social distancing.
• We will develop specific guidelines and an orientation for greeters so that they are familiar with how to best welcome, direct and serve participants.

**Nurseries and Childcare**
Any childcare services will remain closed at this time.

**Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Hygiene Protocols**
• The sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected between each service. This includes the disinfection of heavy traffic/high touch areas like doorknobs, bathrooms, microphones, shared equipment.
• If Lakeview learns that an individual with COVID-19 attended a service or group, the maintenance staff will do a deep cleaning and disinfecting consistent with the CDC guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html.
• All attendees, visitors, and staff will have access to handwashing facilities, including soap and running water or the use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, that’s located throughout the building.

**Notification of Positive Cases**
If Lakeview learns that an attendee, visitor, or staff member has tested positive COVID-19, we will follow CDC guidelines and advise the people that they likely came in contact with to self-isolate or quarantine.

**Preparedness and Response Plan**
For this phase to be implemented, we will need to finalize Lakeview’s “COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.” This is in process and will be submitted to the Leadership Team for approval.

Approved by Leadership Team
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