



UPDATED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES | 8.2.2021

In concurrence with recent updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the mayor of Kansas City, MO, around COVID-19 and our belief that we are to “seek to do no harm,” we are amending our COVID-19 guidelines. We believe in the power of the gathered community and we hold sacred our responsibility to do so safely. The following is our guidelines to do all that we can to not endanger members, regular attenders, or guests of St. John’s UMC while adhering to our current local mandates. As we gather together for worship, we will do so under the following guidelines and practices.

Practices for In-person

Worship:

- All attendees will need to wear a mask at a minimum for the entire worship service regardless of vaccination or antibody status.
- Hand sanitizer is available in touchless dispensers inside the church.
- Disposable masks in adult and children sizes are available outside the sanctuary should you need one.

General Guidelines:

- If you are sick or feel ill, we highly recommend that you stay home.
- If you are uncomfortable with being present for worship, we highly recommend that you stay home.
- If you are someone who is classified as vulnerable, we highly recommend that you stay home.
- Social/physical distancing requirements are not currently being mandated. All of our pews will remain open for people to sit where they would like. Of course, if you prefer to maintain social/physical distance, you are welcome to without fear of judgment or reprisal.

We will continue our live-streaming worship experience. In-person and live-streamed services will have all of the traditional elements of worship including singing, liturgy, and preaching. Tithes and offerings can be given electronically on our live-streaming site or through our website; you may continue to mail in a check or utilize electronic banking procedures. If you have questions or comments, feel free to direct them to me at jimh@stjohnsumc.org. I will do my best to give you an honest and straightforward answer. Thank you for your time and attention. The Lord bless and keep you.