



Phase One Modified Reopening Plan

Outdoor Worship

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8/11/20 DS Note: Approved for outdoor worship. As usual, Wesley UMC has provided an exemplary plan - I thank you for your attention to detail and the safety of your people!

Wesley UMC Safety Measures (Protocols) for Outdoor Worship

Outdoor Worship Guidelines:

50 or less total in attendance. A reservation system will be used to control attendance numbers. An attendance log will be kept and be readily available, if needed, for contact tracing.

Maintain 6' of distance if not in the same household.

Stay in outdoor area, no indoor building use; restrooms will not be available for use

No high touch practices like passing the peace, handshakes, or passing an offering plate.

No beverages or food to be offered, including communion. Individuals may bring their own beverage that is not to be shared.

There will be no singing, only instrumental music will be permitted.

No bulletins or handouts will be provided.

No church bus service will be provided.

Safety Measures for Worship Team:

A 6' area will be marked off for each member of the Worship Team which will consist of pastor, instrumental music leader, additional musician (if applicable) and any technical assistance needed.

All equipment and supplies such as microphones, music, hand sanitizers, etc. will be set up and taken down by one or two people. Take down will include sanitizing touched surfaces.

Safety Measures and Obligations for Worshippers:

The potential for exposure to COVID-19 has been communicated to high-risk populations. If you are in a high risk population, please be aware that attending outdoor worship may expose you to COVID-19.

High-Risk Populations

- People 65 and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled

On the day of the worship service, participants will be asked to perform symptom self-checks before coming to outdoor worship. If they answer yes to any of the following questions, they will stay home and encouraged to contact their doctor.

COVID-19 Symptom Check

Before attending outdoor worship, please check if you have any of these symptoms:

- Cough · Shortness of breath · Fever · Repeated shaking with chills · Headache
- New loss of taste or smell · Diarrhea · Chills · Muscle Pain · Sore Throat
- Vomiting

Masks will be worn at all times by participants. Disposable masks available for those that need them.

Touchless hand sanitizer stands placed throughout the outdoor worship space.

Participants will bring their own lawn chairs or other seating. Chairs will not be brought out from inside the church for outdoor seating.

7' areas will be marked off for participants to place their chairs in. Those in the same household will be able to sit together.

Two worship areas have been identified for use:

- west side of the building outside the narthex for morning worship
- preschool play area for evening worship

Participants will park and enter from either the north side or the south side of each area. Ushers will be stationed on each side to meet and direct people, while maintaining 6' physical distancing. In order to reduce the congestion of finding a seating space, participants will stand next to their cars until guided by usher to their outdoor space.

Exit will be from each side accordingly. Ushers will also be on each side to direct efficient exiting. At the close of worship, participants will wait at their seating space until they are guided out by the ushers.