

# Changes to COVID-19 Protocols Adopted by Council

**June 8, 2021**

## **1. Changes to existing protocols** *(effective immediately upon adoption by Council)*

- a. Discontinue the requirement that people entering the building sign Form COV.03 (this would apply to both the upper (office) level of the building and the lower level (groups)).
- b. Masks are no longer required to be worn outdoors on Reformation property by persons who have been vaccinated.
- c. Increase the maximum size of groups permitted to meet in Creighton Hall from 25 to 30 (the masking requirement would continue).
- d. Signs will be posted at the main entrance (upper level) and Creighton Hall entrance (lower level) emphasizing requirements for entrance to building: no symptoms of COVID-19, wear mask, maintain social distancing.
- e. Groups in Creighton Hall are required to open one set of double doors on the south side of Creighton Hall and position a box fan to blow air out.
- f. Meetings of up to 10 individuals on the upper level are permitted as long as space is available and groups abide by the protocols for groups gathering in Creighton Hall: wearing masks, social distancing, no singing or playing wind instruments, no physical interactions.
- g. Staff and key volunteers (e.g., money counters, bulletin folders) who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks on the upper level as long as they are in their designated work or meeting space and no one other than staff or the key volunteers are present.
- h. Staff members are authorized to require that all persons who attend an event be masked if, in the judgment of the staff person, that is in the best interest of mitigating risk at that event.

## **2. Indoor Worship on Sundays**

- a. Beginning on Sunday, July 4, worship will be held at 10:00 am every Sunday in the sanctuary and livestreamed to the Reformation website ([relcmedia.org/virtualchurch](http://relcmedia.org/virtualchurch)).
- b. Attendance at indoor worship will be limited by the number of people who can be safely accommodated with social distancing.
- c. Up to 45 individuals will be able to pre-register to attend worship in the sanctuary and pre-registration will be required.
- d. Signs and publicity will emphasize that persons who attend in-person indoor worship should follow best practices for the safety of all: be vaccinated, wear masks, and maintain social distancing.
- e. Worshippers will be seated in the sanctuary by household with at least 5 feet of distancing between each household; every other row of chairs will be unavailable for seating, thus providing at least 6 feet of distancing in front of and behind worshippers.
- f. Worshippers will be required to wear masks at all times while in the building.
- g. Worship will include the celebration of communion using the pre-filled packets.
- h. Congregational worship music will be pre-recorded with a solo voice and accompaniment; worshippers will be asked to sing quietly to themselves; a “live” prelude and postlude will be offered.
- i. Worshippers will be greeted just inside the main lobby entrance doors by one of four volunteers (serving as greeters/ushers) who will escort the family unit to a section of chairs in the sanctuary.
- j. Worshippers will be allowed to enter and exit the sanctuary only via the rear side lobby doors.
- k. Worship leaders will be permitted to remove their masks when they speak to lead worship.

## **3. Indoor Worship for Special Services** *(effective immediately upon adoption by Council)*

- a. Special services for baptisms, weddings, and funerals will be scheduled by the pastors.
- b. All the protocols for risk mitigation for indoor worship on Sundays will be followed.
- c. Normally there will be no sung congregational music; if arrangements can be made for sung congregational music, the same protocol as exists for indoor worship on Sundays will be followed.