



Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Group – Gathering Protocols
May 18, 2021

Based on the recent developments and new guidelines released by the Center for Disease Control, coupled with the shift from the Healthy Church Team to the Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Group, there are several protocols that have been updated and some restrictions removed for those persons that have been vaccinated against COVID-19. We are still working to determine safe protocols in some areas as we went to be sure that we have a safe environment for all. Given the shift to a Post-Pandemic time, there are several areas that will be determined subsequent to Governor Northam's guidance scheduled to be released as of May 28, 2021.

The Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Group members include Pastor Clark Cundiff, Jan Taylor (Council Chair), Robert Howard (Lay Leader), Russ Fink (Head Trustee), Elizabeth Barnett (Children's Ministry) and Wendy Howard (Communications).

- 1) Categories of those who gather:
 - a. Adults who have been fully vaccinated and indicate so via the honor system,
 - b. Adults who would like to be vaccinated but cannot do so because of a medical condition,
 - c. Adults who choose not to be vaccinated,
 - d. Teens who have been fully vaccinated,
 - e. Teens who have not been vaccinated,
 - f. Children

- 2) Worship Protocols:
 - a. Adults and Teens who have been vaccinated:
 - i. Masks while preaching are not required.
 - ii. Masks are not required to worship.
 - iii. Social Distancing is not required to worship.
 - iv. Singing is allowed in both indoor and outdoor settings.
 - v. Socializing in the Hospitality Center (TBD).
 - b. Adults and Teens (12-19) not vaccinated:
 - i. Masks while preaching are required.
 - ii. Masks are required to worship.
 - iii. Social Distancing required to worship.

- iv. Singing is allowed for up to 5 minutes with masks.
 - v. Socializing in Hospitality Center (TBD)
 - c. Children
 - i. Masks are required to worship.
 - ii. Social Distancing is required, if not with their siblings.
 - iii. Singing is allowed for up to 5 minutes with masks.
 - iv. Socializing in the Hospitality Center (TBD).
 - d. Live Singing by Praise Band / Choir
 - i. TBD

- 3) Sanctuary Seating Protocols:
 - a. Tape for social distancing can be removed in most areas.
 - b. Social distancing signs will be maintained in a section for those not vaccinated or those who prefer to social distance.
 - c. Those vaccinated can sit together without social distancing restrictions.

- 4) Worship Check-in Protocols
 - a. In order to ensure that we are keeping everyone safe, we will need to maintain some check-in procedures so that individuals can be notified should our COVID-19 protocols be compromised.
 - b. Usher will continue to take attendance so that we have a record of who attended on each Sunday.
 - c. Usher will no longer ask the COVID-19 Health Questions.
 - d. The honor system of compliance will be used.

- 5) Communion Protocols
 - a. Pre-packaged communion elements can be picked up upon entry. The elements will be consumed at your seat as instructed.
 - b. Element containers will be disposed upon exit in the designated trash receptacles.

- 6) Baptism Protocols
 - a. As directed by Pastor

- 7) Wedding Protocols
 - a. As directed by Pastor

- 8) Non- Worship Gatherings
 - Per Gov Ralph Northam, effective May 28, 2021 all restrictions on the size of gathering will be lifted. This impacts the follow:
 - o Administrative and Ministry Meetings
 - o Small groups
 - o Congregational gatherings

- Troop 67
- Vacation Bible School
- Weddings

9) Gathering Protocols

- a. Follow the guidelines established based on vaccinated categories as defined above.
- b. Roster of attendees should be kept by the group leader.

10) Food Preparation Protocols

- a. Onsite preparation of food is allowed with masks and gloves. Onsite consumption TBD.

11) Cleaning:

- a. The CDC guidelines will be followed.