



Re-Opening Plan for In-Person Worship and other group meetings

Prepared by the Sugar River Impact Team in Concert with the Staff and Servant Leadership Board

The Impact Team has put together an outline as a guide for coming back to in-person worship. Some of the resources we are following come from the Dane County Department of Public Health, CDC, Wisconsin Council on Churches, and the Wisconsin UMC Recommendations.

This plan is being put in place to be diligent and mindful of the ongoing changes with this new virus. The Impact team will continue to do our best to monitor the changing guidelines every few weeks using the above resources as we balance the need for safety of all and for those people longing to be together in community.

The phasing listed here is a guideline and will remain fluid as we monitor % positivity and % vaccinated each week. We also need to ensure the staff and leadership have time to react to the changes to ensure safety measures are in place.

We will confirm each phase change to you prior to moving into a new pattern for worship and the current protocol. Thank you in advance for understanding that due to the unknown of the virus, the progress may not be linear and as state and county regulations change, we may be going in and out of different phases as we continue to move through the pandemic.

The most important part of the plan is you and your comfort level. If you are vulnerable for COVID-19 we recommend that you continue to worship on-line through the Facebook and YouTube services that come out weekly on Sunday at 9:30am. Our virtual presence will continue as we come back to in-person.

We will be asking that people using the building during small groups and worship do so with masks, physical distance and hand washing protocol in place in accordance with CDC guidelines.

	May 2021 25% or more vaccinated	June 2021 Or when 50% or more vaccinated (but not prior to)
Worship	<p>Online Worship will continue at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.</p> <p>Outdoor Worship will take place outside Sugar River as long as weather permits—will notify congregation night before if cancelling</p>	<p>Online Worship will continue at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.</p> <p>Indoor Worship will take place using spacing, masks, and hand washing. No fellowship or gathering before or after.</p>
Life Rituals (funerals/weddings)	Number will be based on current Dane County regulations—Please contact staff for details on current numbers and guidelines	Number will be based on current Dane County regulations—Please contact staff for details on current numbers and guidelines
Core Groups/Bible Studies/Sunday School	Meet online, outside, or inside with physical distancing guidelines provided* to leaders by staff. Up to 30 people	Meet online, outside, or inside with physical distancing guidelines provided* to leaders by staff. Up to 50 people

Please keep your safety as your first priority. We will continue to provide virtual opportunities for you to Connect, Grow, and Serve.

***Guidelines for physical distancing, hand hygiene, and face coverings will be followed.**