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COVID-19 Sunday Worship Sanctuary Guidelines

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In-Person Sunday Worship Returns,

Praising God in a Safe and Responsible Way.

We all understand that these times are stressful and that COVID-19 will be part of our lives for an extensive time to come. The Guidelines contained within this document have been reviewed by the FCCB Phase Forward Team and members of our Cabinet. This document will need to be fluid and continue to be updated as required.

If you have any concerns, please remember it is always best to be cautious.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

There are many guidelines that we must follow to be sure we are doing our part. Some guidelines have been established through our State, CDC, UCC and others would be good practices to be doing no matter what the times are we are living in.

This document has been written to be used as the FCCB requirement's to be monitored prior, during and after Sunday Morning Service. All State and Federal Laws will take precedent over any guidelines within this document.

Prior to leaving HOME, consider the following –

- Is anyone I have been in contact with showing signs of illness or fever at or above 100.4 °F [38 °C]?
- Have I or any family member taken a Covid-19 Test and are awaiting the results?

If any of the above can be answered yes, please join the service using Zoom or Facebook Live.

- Did I remember to bring my personal Mask and Hand Sanitizer?
- If I want to wear gloves, did I bring them?
- Seems simple enough, but did I ask the family to use the bathroom?

Prior to entering the Narthex –

- Do I and everyone with me have masks on? Suggest putting them on in the car.
- Are we being careful to keep a safe minimum of 6-foot distance between our family and the other families?
- If we are being Social with others we would do so while social distancing.
- Are we entering and exiting through the proper Doors? The only entry is through the left large Blue Door at the front of the Church and the only exit is through the right large Blue Door.
- My family and I will be courteous to the Member who will need to verify our temperature using a non-contact (infrared) thermometer. If one of the family members temperature is 100.4 °F [38 °C] or greater that family member will not be allowed to enter the Narthex.

Upon entering the Narthex –

- We will maintain at least a 6 feet separation distance from other individuals or families entering the church.
- My family and I understand we will not be socializing or grouping with other families unless more than 6 feet apart.
- We will take direction from the FCCB member assigned to help us find our socially-distanced seats within the Sanctuary. Aisles will have directional markings that we will adhere to.

Upon leaving the Sanctuary & Narthex –

- Masks will be worn until reaching our vehicles.
- Follow the directional arrows to leave the sanctuary and exit through the right large Blue Door.
- My family and I understand we will not be socializing or grouping with other families until we have reached the sidewalk and grass area outside and then at a safe social distance of at least 6 feet apart.

Although we are grateful to be within our Sanctuary, please remember to be respectful of Pastor Donna's need to maintain social distance from all members. She is excited to meet everyone even though we are still being cautious.

Items to be aware of –

- The Choir and Congregational Members will not be singing.
- The Nursery will not be open.
- There will not be Sunday School
- There will be no paper Order of Worship bulletins.
- There will be no Coffee Hour.
- Only the bathroom in the Main Hall will be open for use.

This is GOD's House and ALL are WELCOME HERE!