



# Presbytery of Cincinnati

## Pandemic Action Plan

### **Level 1: Monitoring the situation**

- Presbytery office open
- Increased sanitation and safe distancing practices throughout the building
- Update all personal contact information of staff and members
- Increase food handling precautions (in the local church this includes Communion Elements)
- Encourage those who are ill, medically vulnerable, and those who have travelled to infected areas to stay home
- Work with local congregations, Pastors, and other leaders to care for their faith communities in a time of increased anxiety, illness, and isolation.
- Encourage local congregations, Pastors, and other leaders in safe practices (Consult the Questions document on the Presbytery Website for ideas)
- Encourage continual giving of pledges and offerings so ministry is not hampered; consider online giving
- Encourage congregations with a preschool to continue working the Pandemic Action plan
- Continue alternate meeting technologies where feasible
- Communicate plans and updated information through the Presbytery communication channels: Sampler, Presbytery Facebook page, Presbytery website

### **Level 2: Limiting and Watching (Presbytery office open for essential functions)**

- Rigorous sanitation practices
- Think through your church activities and service, including music. . . Are we keeping each other safe?
- All non-essential meetings and gatherings should continue to be cancelled or scheduled virtually
- Encourage Pastors, Elders, and Deacons (the spiritual leaders of the congregation) to create worship liturgy, prayers, devotions, etc. that can be shared with congregation members who self-isolate and for widespread use as slow re-openings occur
- Consider continuing online worship even as you begin to meet in the Sanctuary
- Work with congregations, Pastors, and local leaders as they open the building for only worship and essential leadership functions.
- Continue to use technology resources to gather as a faith community
- Encourage safe distancing in all gatherings

### **Level 3: Closing (if local spikes in infection occur) (current)**

- Presbytery office closed
- Work with the congregations, Pastors and local leaders as local churches close for worship and all activities
- Presbytery staff work from home
- Implement use of technology for essential leadership functions
- Communicate with local congregations, Pastors, and other leaders to offer updated information, encouragement