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The first recommendation is to: “Allow for at least 14 days of declining cases before gathering in groups or moving to the next phase of opening spaces.” This has been the guideline set by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control SC DHEC. The links to review the guidelines shared with us from the SC Synod and CDC are: SC Synod Recommendations and CDC Guidelines for Faith Groups. Please feel free to contact Deb Zaken (540-532-5277 or damerch@msn.com) or other members of the Transitions Task Group if you have questions or concerns. Let us work together “to make careful decisions “ that will keep our church family safe.y

SURVEY RESULTS - Here is a brief summary of Returning to Gather Surveys that were completed:

Responses were equally varied as to when we should return to worship in our sanctuary between being cautious in not planning to return right away, in waiting 2-4 weeks (July), and returning now.

There were several suggestions about procedures we should follow in returning to indoor worship-wear masks, keeping social distance, sitting every other pew, having hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes available, skipping the sharing of the peace, limiting the number in attendance, having people pick up or drop off bulletins and offering rather than passing plate or handing out, and using a different method of communion (such as trays).

The overall response to having outdoor worship wear favorable (30 people thought it was a good idea; five were somewhat indifferent; and five said they were not interested)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Our Transition Team will be reviewing the responses and will use this information as they plan and recommend our next steps.