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Dear First Christian Church Members and Friends,

It is time for another update about the next phase of COVID 19 Guidelines.

Our Congregation's COVID-19 Rapid Response Team met on Dec 1st to review the latest state and county updates. We entered the FREEZE phase on November 18. We are not moving to a thaw at this point.

Governor Brown announced on November 25, a new tool for updating COVID protocols on a weekly basis, county by county. Each week Lane County will be given an assessment, based on the coronavirus data in our county. (Extreme, High, Moderate, and Low Risk). To learn more visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>.

As of this announcement, Lane County is in the Extreme Risk category. Specific health and safety measures are laid out for each risk category. This new system will be used until May 2021, or until we are given a new assessment tool.

FCC's COVID-19 Rapid Response Team is responsible for monitoring our risk level and making adjustments/projections as best we can for upcoming activities and building access. The church board charged CRRT with knowing and following the Federal/State/County mandates and guidelines. As such, CRRT must prioritize, weekly, the church's vital ministry and outreach work with building repairs, rentals, special requests, and administrative work that cannot be done in employee homes.

To understand more of how CRRT decisions get made, including criteria and expectations for requests for entering the building, please visit our church website. This next document is a link to one of the charts that we used in helping determine our own decisions. <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3461.pdf>

To serve as a volunteer on the CRRT (for a period of 6 months), please contact President Amy Metzger. The experience of serving on this committee has a significant spiritual toll and we have learned frequent rotation of members is helpful; please keep all members of this committee, and all employees of FCC in your prayers, thank you.

This pandemic has changed so many things in our lives. Our fears and anxieties are increased. Our limits for being home alone or with our family have been stretched. Our jobs continue to change, as well as everything else in the system. Our grief and suffering grows along with our resilience to wear the masks and adapt to change. We must all keep at it. Things will change again with the release of a vaccine, but it will take a few months to get most of the country vaccinated. We will be requiring masks until the risk is past. After the sanctuary and chapel get the appropriate ventilation upgrades to allow for indoor gatherings, FCC will need to address other important aspects of minimizing risk, such as increased custodial hours, increased sanitation supplies and PPE, all the while paying attention to any changes and further restrictions or amendments at the county or state level.

All people who enter the building must comply with all listed below:

1. Have permission to enter the building
 - i. Filled out a building access request
 - ii. Notification from CRRT that permission has been granted
2. Who must have permission granted for access
 - a. Staff—Pastors, Administrative, Music, Custodial
 - b. Renters—Must be only the renter and no public persons
 - c. Mission Teams—Interfaith Food Hub, Helping Hands
 - i. All names of each team are to be submitted to office
 - ii. No extra people are to be allowed into the building
 - d. Maintenance contractors (scheduled by office staff)
3. EVERYONE wears a mask—at all times
4. Maintain social distancing guidelines and stay 6 feet apart
5. Use frequent hand washing and sanitizing practices
6. Stay on the floor and in the areas for which you have been granted access

The next CRRT update will include:

- guidelines /protocol for what to do, who to notify and follow up procedures for all persons who have been in the building *IF* someone tests positive for COVID.
- Updates on our risk assessment level in Lane County.

In Love and Care, The CRRT

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