

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE STANDARD ADJUSTMENTS

March 29, 2021

The following adjustments have been recommended by the Covid Compliance Team on Monday, March 29th. Some adjustments will be more gradual than others. We will continue to readjust, as necessary.

First, we want to state that sanitizing efforts between services, classes, meetings, and events will continue. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will continue to be available for use throughout the church properties including 23 Meadowbrook Center. Items such as tablecloths will continue to not be utilized to make the sanitizing process easier. Signage will remain in place at all building entrances requesting participants to affirm their health before entering. As always, if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home and follow CDC and your doctors' recommendations regarding quarantining.

The CCT recommends the following revisions be made to our current COVID-19 Standards:

1. Masks are recommended, but not required. We ask that you "come as you are comfortable" – with or without a mask.
2. Doors will no longer be propped open to avoid touch; lights will no longer be turned on based on assumed room usage.
3. Bibles and hymnals will return to the pews; all aspects of the service will continue to be projected on the screen – it is up to the individual to decide if they want to utilize Bibles and hymnals. We continue to encourage you to bring your own Bible, or use an online version such as the You Version Bible App.
4. Inserts, signups, and bulletins will be provided as determined by the office and pastoral staff.
5. The 'red tape' creating social distancing boundaries in the sanctuary will be eliminated. Two worship service viewing areas will be provided (the International Room and the Common Ground Area) for those who feel they need greater social distancing capabilities. As we have been doing, we will continue to livestream the second service if you would like to watch from home.

***The front two pews on each side of the sanctuary will be reserved for praise team members.

6. We want you to have an “as you are comfortable” approach to seating. More than 1 non-family member can sit at a table in a classroom/meeting area.
7. Beverages and food will be allowed (*this will be a very gradual process; coffee service will not resume for Sunday services including Sunday School, until the Summer quarter begins*). Items such as candy dishes will not be used at this time.
8. Counselors no longer need to have their clients wait in their vehicles until it is time for their appointments. Clients are again able to use the upstairs foyer area outside the sanctuary as a waiting area. The counselors should make clients aware that this space will not be sanitized between clients.

These adjustments apply to all services taking place at the church, 23 Meadowbrook Center, as well as for all groups including Celebrate Recovery, Coffee@ the Corner, Grief Share, Just Older Youth, counselors utilizing space, and rentals of all church facilities. Please note that individual leaders may have their own restrictions based on their, or their participants, health needs.

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