

Worship Guidelines for Individuals

Cokes Chapel UMC: Outdoor In-Person Phase I¹

The following guidelines and considerations are offered in hopes of mitigating risks. Please acknowledge that NO plan for safety is risk free. Therefore, these guidelines will NOT eliminate risks.

Stay home if you are exhibiting any of the following COVID-19 symptoms or if you have had close contact with a person exhibiting any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Shortness of Breath

If you or any member of your family **test positive for COVID-19** and have attended In-Person Worship or gatherings at Cokes Chapel within 14 days, notify Pastor Lisa Dempsey at ldempsey@cokeeschapel.org. Such is necessary for the overall safety of the community per the Cokes Chapel Emergency Plan.²

Social Distancing

- Maintain 6 feet of separation at all times, between individuals or family units. (i.e., A family unit consists of all people who arrived together in the same vehicle or live in the same household. Family units do not need to socially distance themselves.)
- Have NO physical contact (hugging, shaking hands, etc.).
- Social distancing must also be kept regarding restrooms. Ensure 6 feet of social distancing while entering, using, and leaving the restroom.

Masks

- Wear a face mask when moving, even outdoors (i.e., while exiting and entering your vehicle, setting up chairs, getting items from your car, walking to the restroom, etc.). “MOVEMENT MEANS MASK”
 - A face mask is required for everyone attending worship except for those with medical or respiratory conditions or children under the age of 2 years.
 - Please bring a face mask from home. Those without a mask will be provided one by the church.
 - Once you are stationary and seated 6 feet away from others outside your family, you may remove your face mask.

Hand Sanitizer

- Bring from home individual hand sanitizer for each person or family unit. Proper and routine hand washing and use of hand sanitizer for all is strongly encouraged.
 - Hand sanitizer will also be provided at hand sanitizing stations and/or in individual bottles.
- Be vigilant about hand and face hygiene. Do not touch your face. Sanitize your hands after removing your mask.
- Sanitize hands each time before and after touching/using anything that others may touch.

Singing—Given that any kind of group singing presents a high risk, the choir and congregational singing will NOT be a part of worship.

¹ The following “Guidelines,” recommended by the CCUMC Health & Welfare Team are based on guidance from the NGUMC, the CDC and state and local health authorities. The “Guidelines” were approved as written by the Cokes Chapel Church Council on June 24, 2020. For additional resources see “Addendum A: Some References and Resources.”

² See “Cokes Chapel UMC Emergency Plan for Confirmed COVID-19 Infection”