

Update from Church Health Task Force

March 30, 2021

SHPC Family,

Your Church Health Task Force remains grateful for the patience and forbearance you have shown as we have sought to navigate the coronavirus pandemic. With more people being vaccinated every day, but also acknowledging that we're not out of the woods just yet, the CHTF, under the authority of the Session, determined that the time was right to loosen a number of precautions we have been following, while still maintaining some reasonable precautions.

In general, we consider this a step more toward personal assumption of risk and comfort level. The following are some of the main changes, but check with the church office or church staff for other details.

Gratefully in Christ,

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Worship (including Weddings and Funerals)

- Capacity for worship services in sanctuary and Barron Hall (if 8:30 service is moved indoors) increased to 150 people.
- Registration still encouraged, but not required unless we reach capacity through registrations.
- No further temperature screening required.
- 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary: Households encouraged to maintain three feet of separation, but otherwise seating will not be actively regulated. Bulletins and communion elements would be picked up at the entrances.
- Entrance into sanctuary open from the turnaround, Tower, and Spitzer building.

Gatherings and Meetings Indoors, Non-Worship:

- Gatherings and meetings as desired by SHPC committees, groups, and ministries can meet in all areas of the church building with a maximum of 20 people.
- Meetings would follow normal (i.e. pre-pandemic) process of calendar registration and building access but without requirements for temperature screening or attendance forms for contact tracing.
- Larger capacities apply for larger spaces in the church. Check with church office or church staff for details.

Gatherings and Meetings Outdoors, Non-Worship:

- No maximum number of people for outdoor activities.
- Attendees would bring their own lawn chairs or would themselves be responsible for bringing out SHPC chairs (from Barron Hall, for example) and placing them back afterward.
- Meetings would follow normal (i.e. pre-pandemic) procedure for calendar registration, but without requirements for temperature screening or attendance forms for contact tracing.

Masks

- Masks still required for any gathering indoors. Masks optional for gatherings outdoors.

Sanitization

- A sanitized space would *not* be guaranteed for all meeting spaces for use throughout the week.
- The following exceptions would apply:
 - Fowler: The Fowler room would be a reserved “sanitized space” for groups preferring a bit more assurance. Therefore Fowler would have somewhat tighter restrictions, such as requiring time in between any meetings in order for space to be sanitized.
 - Sanctuary, Chapel, and Barron Hall would be sanitized ahead of any anticipated worship services, but not necessarily for other gatherings in those spaces. Sanitization for worship may impact these spaces’ availability for other uses.
 - Spitzer Building: Spaces to be used for Sunday School or Nursery would be sanitized ahead of Sunday morning, as well as the hallway leading to the sanctuary. Sanitization for Sunday School may impact these spaces’ availability for other uses.

Staff and Church Office Hours

- Church staff still given the option to work remotely, as comfortable.
- Regular church office hours would resume.