



Culpeper United Methodist Church

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General Plan for Indoor In-Person Worship In-Person Meetings Meals Outdoor Activities

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Location: Church Property

Culpeper UMC's COVID Team met on February 6, 2022 to update this policy. We are using the guidelines approved by The Virginia Conference of the UMC, The Commonwealth of Virginia, Culpeper County school system (and surrounding counties), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The COVID Team continues to closely monitor these entities and the Virginia Department of Health COVID statistics within Culpeper County. Policy updates are regularly reviewed and updated as needed, striving to keep everyone healthy – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Please pray for this team and their work for CUMC. The COVID Team welcomes feedback on this plan. Please share your thoughts with any of the team members listed in this plan.

If anyone feels ill, please stay home from church activities. CUMC is grateful to offer an on-line worship option and virtual small groups.

1. Worship Services

All Sunday morning worship options and other special services.

Masks – We strongly recommend everyone to wear a mask during worship. Pastors and worship leaders, speaking from the pulpit or lectern, can remove their mask to speak to the congregation.

Singing – Everyone is invited to sing during worship.

Distancing – Please be courteous and mindful of those sitting around you.

2. In-Person Meetings (Such as: Sunday school, small groups, UMW, UMM, WBB, Circles, Community Groups, etc.)

Masks – We strongly recommend everyone to wear a mask at in-person meetings.

Distancing – Please be courteous and mindful of those sitting around you.



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3. Meals on church property

- a. **Small groups of 20 or less** can eat and drink inside the church, making sure a distance of 6 feet or more happens between individuals not within the same social circle. If food is shared within the group, please ensure that each individual uses a disposable utensil, or one person serves the dish to the group. Make sure to clean and sanitize the area at the conclusion of the meal.
- b. **Larger groups (more than 20 people)** can eat and drink on the church property outside together, making sure a distance of 6 feet or more happens between individuals not within the same social circle. Snacks are permitted at this time to include pre-packaged items or individually served. For example: one person cutting a large cake, placing the pieces and a disposable utensil on a plate to serve the group.
- c. **Funeral receptions** are approved inside the church. CUMC leadership must be mindful of how many people will attend the reception, recognizing the need for some space in the Fellowship Hall and/or Community Room. Individuals preparing and serving the food must wear plastic gloves and should wear a mask.
- d. **Potlucks and church-wide meals** are still on hold until we receive more insights from the Virginia Conference of the UMC, the CDC, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. Outdoor Activities

Masks – Masks are optional for anyone outside on church property.

Distancing – Please be courteous and mindful of those around you.

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