



Guidelines for Returning to Public Worship

1. It is the expectation that all persons who come into the building will follow these requirements to the best of their ability, and to offer grace in the monitoring of participation in these guidelines. Failure or refusal to comply with any of these policies may result in being asked to leave to church facility.
2. **Building Usage Policy:**
 - A. Face masks are required to be worn by all persons while in the building. Exceptions will only be granted for medical reasons, after consultation with Pastor Peter.
 - B. It is requested that you supply your own face mask.
 - C. Those who do not have an appropriate mask will be supplied one and asked to provide one for themselves in subsequent weeks.
 - D. While exceptions may be granted, those unable to wear a mask should consider staying at home and worshipping online.
 - E. Sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building, and all are encouraged to make use of them frequently when inside.
 - F. Traffic flow patterns may change, and will be clearly marked, to reduce person to person contact and close proximity.
 - G. All people entering the building are asked to take these steps before coming to the church:
 - i. Monitor themselves for cold, allergy, or flu-like symptoms, and stay home with any of those symptoms.
 - ii. Take their temperature – those with a temperature above 100.4 degrees F are asked to stay home.
3. **Worship Service Adjustments:**
 - A. Congregants are asked to maintain a minimum of 6 feet from others outside of their immediate family group:
 - i. Pews will be marked to assist in this distancing
 - ii. All are asked to refrain from shaking hands, hugging, etc.
 - iii. There will be no formal fellowship time after worship. You are invited to stay in the parking lot and socialize while maintaining proper social distancing.
 - B. Worship bulletins will not be produced or distributed. The order of worship will be available for download prior to worship. The projector will continue to be utilized for displaying songs, prayers, etc.

- C. Offering plates will not be passed during worship. Baskets will be placed near the entrance and exit, and online giving continues to be an option.
- D. Communion will utilize prepackaged elements to limit risk of exposure to others.
- E. Families are encouraged to worship together. The children's "prayground" is available at the back of the Sanctuary, as are activity bags. However, no nursery care is being provided at this time.

4. Church Staff:

- A. The building is closed to the public unless prior arrangements are made with a member of the staff.
- B. If you need to contact any of the church staff, please call and leave a message at the church office, or send an email:

churchoffice@shalomumc.org or pastorpeter@shalomumc.org

If you have any questions or concerns about these policies, please reach out to Pastor Peter.