

COVID-19 GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT IPC



If you or a household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19:
do not come to church until at least **30** days after all symptoms have disappeared,
OR **14** days after a negative test result.

- **Before you come to church:**
 - **Take your temperature.** Do not come to church if your temperature is over **100°F**.
 - **Check for symptoms.** Do not come to church if you have experienced any of the following symptoms within the last **7** days: cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, unexplained aches, unusual headache, fever, chills, new loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea, congestion, runny nose.
 - **Assess exposure.** Do not come to church if, within the last **14** days, you have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with confirmed or probable COVID-19, whether or not you are experiencing any symptoms and whether or not masks were worn.
- Occupancy on Sunday morning is restricted to 25% of 200, i.e. **50 people**, in order to ensure minimum distancing. Attendance will be recorded in the event there is a need for “contact tracing.”
- The service will be on the screen for you to follow along.
- There will be no Bibles or hymnals. You may bring your own Bibles.
- Bulletins are placed in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. Per initial CDC recommendations the three-day passage of time should eliminate any potential risk of exposure. *No one will be expected to pick up a bulletin if they prefer not to.*

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SUNDAY MORNING

Entering the Sanctuary:

- Attendees will only enter the church through the side parking lot doors.
- ***Please use the hand sanitizer*** available upon entry.

Face Coverings:

- ***Face coverings are required*** and must cover both the mouth and nose.
 - If you do not have a mask, washable cotton masks are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
 - **EXCEPTIONS:** The pastor and liturgist may remove their masks while they are in the chancel area and speaking. The organist may remove his mask while performing. Masks are encouraged but not required for children under-school-age.
 - **THE CONGREGATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMOVE THEIR MASKS AT ANY TIME**

Social Distancing:

- ***Social distancing (6-10 feet) is required in the pews.*** Some pews will be roped off. You may be directed to move to improve distancing. You may not be able to sit in your “normal” spot!
- There will be no singing as a Congregation (solos may be permitted).
- There will be no normal passing of the peace, offering, or communion. An offering plate will be located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Communion may be planned with special COVID restrictions.
- After the service, avoid congregating in the back of the sanctuary. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is to be maintained while leaving.
- The pastor will stay in the chancel after the service.
- Fellowship hour has been suspended.

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*The above requirements are regularly reviewed by Session for potential revision.
Please direct questions or concerns to the pastor.*