



Broadway United Methodist Church COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines – UPDATED 05/24/21

Mission: "To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Vision: "To grow in the faith of Christ by reaching out and connecting with others through intentional service and witness."

The following guidelines are subject to change at any time as we continue to navigate the uncertain nature of this pandemic.

Dear Church Family,

Included in this document are our plans for Sunday morning worship and small groups at Broadway UMC. We are committed to your safety and promoting your physical, mental, and spiritual health to the best of our ability.

As you know, the CDC updated their guidelines in response to increased vaccination rates against COVID-19. Our COVID response team met, assessed local health data (including new cases, hospitalizations, and positivity rates), and reviewed the survey completed by our members and constituents. After prayerful discernment, the following changes have been made to our guidelines. These changes will be reflected in Phase 4.

- Masks are encouraged (but no longer required) while in the church building
- We ask that persons who are not fully vaccinated* against COVID-19 to continue to wear a mask
- We ask persons to worship online if they feel ill or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Small groups may choose to continue with a mask mandate. We ask ministry leaders to have honest and open conversations with participants so all feel safe and welcome.
- Social distancing guidelines will remain in place.

As the church, we are in covenant relationship with God and with each other. We are committed to providing meaningful worship opportunities for the most persons in the safest way possible. We ask that you would also commit to this task. In all things, we seek to love God and neighbor and live out the call to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Thank you for your grace and patience.

Blessings,
Pastor Cassie



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COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Summary

Phase 1: Closed to congregation and public.

- Staff and worship team (less than 10 people) allowed to gather on Sunday morning in the sanctuary to live-stream worship service.
- Worship, small groups, and committees will meet ONLINE only.
- Office will remain open for donations only.

Phase 2: Limited access to Sunday morning worship.

- Staff, worship team continue to gather in the sanctuary to live-stream worship service.
- In person worship limited to 10 families (approximately 20 people).
- Congregants who wish to worship in person are required to register by FRIDAY at 12:00 pm
- At-risk persons HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to worship online
- Must answer screening questions honestly, wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.
- Office will remain open for donations only.
- All small groups and committees will continue to meet online.

Phase 3: Increased access to Sunday morning worship.

- Staff, worship team continue to gather in the sanctuary to live-stream worship service.
- Online worship is encouraged for at-risk individuals, family members, and caretakers.
- In person worship capacity is limited to most restrictive state/county/local guidelines which allows for social distancing.
- Pre-registration is not required.
- Wearing a mask is REQUIRED.
- Office will remain open for donations only.
- Small groups under 10 are allowed to meet with board approval, exceptions to group size made for music ministry.

Phase 4: Fully open with limited restrictions

- Worship is open to full capacity with social distancing in place
- Masks are ENCOURAGED but NOT REQUIRED
- All persons who are not fully vaccinated* against COVID-19 are asked to wear a mask
- All persons who are sick or who have been exposed to COVID-19 are asked to worship online



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Phase 4 Worship Modifications and Covenant

The church will:

- Provide masks for anyone who would like one
- Have hand sanitizer available upon entry
- Suggest seating to allow families/social circles to sit together but maintain at least 6-ft from others.

The congregation will:

- Maintain social distancing practices and sit in designated areas only
- Stay home if sick or have been exposed to COVID-19

The following modifications to worship will be observed:

- The order of worship will remain the same or similar to Phase 1
- Announcements will be made by the pastor/worship team only
- No meet and greet time
- Persons are encouraged to fill out prayer cards.
- Online giving is encouraged. Offering boxes are placed at the entrances of the sanctuary. No offering plates will be passed. All donations made for additional ministries (scholarship fund, food pantry, etc.) can be designated on the check or giving envelope.
- No hand-holding during the benediction
- Individual communion elements will be offered

Phase 4 - Building Use

- The office is open M-F, 9am-1pm.
- The nurse is open during Sunday morning worship.

Phase 4 - Small Groups

- All small groups are permitted to meet
- Social distancing shall continue to be observed
- Ministry leaders may choose to require masks or make masks optional
- Shared meals are allowed
- The church will make attempts, when possible, to provide virtual meeting options for those who are at-risk or don't feel comfortable meeting in person

"Fully vaccinated" means an individual has received both doses of a two- dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.