

# LEVERINGTON CHURCH

## Overview of Policies for Reopening for In-person worship

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There is no risk-free setting other than complete isolation, but we can significantly reduce risk by following science and common sense. Those who are elderly or have underlying medical conditions are more at risk from COVID. You will need to decide for yourself if it is wise and reasonable for you to attend worship within the environment described below. The Church Leadership reserves the right to revert back to on-line worship only if they deem conditions on the ground warrant it.

### What you can expect

1. When you arrive at church, put on your mask and proceed to the sanctuary entrance off the parking lot. If there is a line, please keep socially distanced (6' or more) from non-family members until you reach the door. There you will see a sign that says to effect:

Welcome!

In order to love our neighbors well, please only proceed if you:

- a. Have a mask
  - b. Have no cold or flu symptoms including:
    - Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, runny nose, etc.
  - c. Will make every effort to maintain social distancing > 6 ft
  - d. Have not tested positive for COVID within the last 14 days
  - e. Are comfortable with signing in (providing your name and contact info for purposes of contact tracing) AND leaders up front not wearing masks (see details in #10)
  - f. Agree not to hold Leverington Presbyterian church liable should you contract COVID.
2. There a team of greeters will meet you and:
    - a. Ask you to review the sign
    - b. Offer you a mask if you don't have one
    - c. Take your temperature
    - d. Sign you in: If you have attended before they will look up your name, if you are a visitor they will direct you to the welcome desk where you will fill out a connection card.
    - e. **If you have children**, check our website for the reopening dates of these ministries. If they are open, you will next be directed to proceed down the driveway to the "Office" entrance to check in your children. Connection cards will also be available at that check in. The goal is that only children, teachers, and parents will use the far end of the building. (See our Children's Ministry and Nursery re-opening plan for more details)

3. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be located through out the church. We ask that you wash your hands on the way in AND on the way out of church
4. The Sanctuary will only be used for one worship service every 7 days. The CDC advises that COVID does not survive on surfaces for that long. In addition, we will fog sanitize the space each Sunday prior to the service.
5. Collection Boxes will be available when you walk in (near the Welcome Desk) so that you may make your offering either on the way in or the way out of worship.
6. Seating will be available every third row as marked. You should sit socially distanced from anyone who does not live with you. Each pew will contain either one family unit of four or more located in the center of the pew OR 1-3 people located at one end and 1-3 people located at the other, ensuring a social distance greater than 8 feet from anyone you don't live with.
7. To the greatest degree practical, we will strive to bring fresh outside air in at face level, and pull it up and out the second floor of the sanctuary
8. There will be no bulletin, or need to hold or touch anything such as a hymnal, no holding hands or passing of materials. When/If we do the Lord's Table, it will be with individually wrapped packages placed in your pew prior to the service.
9. Use only the bathrooms located at the front of the sanctuary. We will strive to provide increased ventilation in the bathrooms. Please use the hand sanitizer provided there BEFORE AND AFTER using the bathroom. Additional tips are located in the bathrooms.
10. Keep your mask on throughout the service including during singing.
11. Those who will be upfront (musicians, pastor, speakers, etc.) will wear masks until they are in position. They may remove masks while up front if they desire. They will be socially distanced from each other and located at least 20 feet from the first row of congregants. In addition, a floor level fan will be aimed at singers and speakers creating an air flow up and away from the congregation.
12. When the service is over, please retain social distancing as you get in line to leave the building. Please refrain from conversations with non-family members until you are outside the building. We want to avoid any clustering of non-family members within the building.