

## What to expect when you come to the Memorial UMC Facility

*All of these protocols are subject to change as the situation changes, cases go down and guidance from the Texas Health Department, medical professionals and the CDC changes.*

### **COVID-19 RISK STATEMENT**

**By attending a Memorial UMC gathering, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the inherent risk of public assembly, and the possibility that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Memorial UMC. If you are unable to accept these risks, do not attend a Memorial UMC event.**

### **DESIGNATED POINT PEOPLE/HEALTH GREETERS**

*We will have health greeters to help you as you enter and move through the building. Please pay attention to them—they are trained in our protocols and can help you understand how we are keeping ourselves and others safe.*

***IF AT ANY TIME, YOU DO NOT WISH TO COMPLY WITH A HEALTH GREETER'S REQUESTS OR ARE IN VIOLATION OF THESE PROCEDURES, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.***

### **ENTRY PROCEDURES**

- Entry to the Office Area/Sanctuary/Parlor Area will be at the office door under the portico
- Entry to the Gym will be at the door by the restrooms (NE corner of the gym)

There will be a temperature check and a symptom screening for each person who enters the building as well as attendance registration. We require masks, but if you do not have one, we can provide one for you.

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

Please try to maintain a 6 foot distance from people from other households. We know there will be some places this will be difficult, but we will try! For the sake of maintaining distancing inside, we ask that any visiting closer than 6 feet between households be done outside. We will stagger entrances and exits and have alternatives to passing the peace. There will also be a limit to the number of people who can be in the restrooms at a time (1 person or household in the front restrooms, 2 people or 1 large household in the gym restroom).

### **FACE COVERINGS**

Masks and face coverings are mandatory at all times for anyone over the age of 2 (with some very limited exceptions). Masks in an appropriate size will be provided if you do not have one, and bandanas or gaiters are not considered adequate face coverings for this purpose. In addition, masks with vents on the front are not considered appropriate for COVID protection. Masks must be worn to cover both the nose and the mouth.

## **HYGIENE**

We strongly recommend handwashing or the use of hand sanitizer (we have dispensers located throughout the building). Water fountains will not be available. Please avoid touching high-touch areas. If you have a group meeting, you are in charge of sanitizing the high-touch surfaces before you leave (instructions and supplies will be provided).

## **IF SOMEONE IS EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS**

We will ask you to remain in an isolation space until you can safely leave the building, masked if possible. We will call all those who have been in close contact with a symptomatic person.

## **CONTACT TRACING**

We will do contact tracing through our attendance registration. If you become symptomatic or have a positive COVID test within 48 hours of coming to an event, please contact the church immediately.

## **WORSHIP PROTOCOLS**

You will be instructed as to how to enter and exit the sanctuary. Once in the sanctuary, please remain in your seat and do not walk around. We will tape off pews that should not be used. We will remain distanced and masked during worship and will have limited capacity. If you need to go to the restroom, ask a health greeter about which path to take. Bags with communion elements will be distributed to receive at home. If we are live streaming a service where you may be on screen, we will let you know.

## **FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

For now, we will not have food or beverages at any event, including receptions. Sunday School classes are asked not to provide coffee or snacks. If you have a medical or other need for water, ask a health greeter.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- All rooms will have a capacity based on distancing recommendations. If a room exceeds its capacity, your group will be asked to move to a larger space.
- We will communicate with each group (Sunday School class, UMW, youth group) to see if the space they wish to use will accommodate their needs
- For the purposes of this document, a “household” is defined as
  - Anyone you share a living space with
  - Anyone around whom you are regularly unmasked
  - Anyone you have provided transportation to the church

**BE AWARE OF REMINDER SIGNS AROUND THE FACILITY AND KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS SAFE!**