WBPC Pandemic Protocol Guidelines

Effective June 20, 2021 (Adopted by Session)

Starting June 20, 2021 worship will be hybrid with both remote and in-person participation. As circumstances change, we will continue to respond as appropriate.

General Principles

The WBPC Session continues to use the CDC and the ODH as main sources for guidance in the pandemic. Guidance can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance.html and https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/hom.

Guidelines regarding masks and distancing

- It is always okay to wear a mask.

- Those who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks or maintain social distancing in most settings.

- Adults and children/teenagers (age 12 and above) who are not fully vaccinated are expected to wear a mask, as per CDC guidelines.

- Parents/Guardians are responsible for decisions regarding mask wearing for children under age 12. Mask wearing is recommended by the CDC for ages 3 and above.

Guidelines Regarding Contact (Touch)

- Sanitizing stations will be maintained at the main entrance to the building, as well as the kitchen and annex side door.

- For all persons, regardless of vaccination status, use of hand sanitizer on entering and exiting the building is recommended.

- Alternatives to hand-shaking and hugging are encouraged.

- "Passing" items (e.g. bulletins, offering, communion trays) will be avoided, wherever possible.
  - Bulletins and offering plates will be located at entrances to the sanctuary.
  - Communion at the church will be served in individual packages, picked up at the sanctuary entry on communion Sundays.

Guidelines Regarding Other Meetings

- For smaller groups: For committees, classes, and other groups with an essentially "known" membership, it is recommended that the leader, remind participants of the current guidelines and select the most amenable method of gathering.

- For non-WBPC groups. Groups may meet in the building as per the guidelines of this document.