



A Survey

**We'd like to know what you think.
Everyone please respond!**

(Session members - this final version of the survey has been updated from the "beta" version you saw earlier... please respond to this survey, as well)

Dear St. Andrew's congregation:

In response to COVID-19, the Session appointed a Task Force to assess our current safety practices and what would be involved in meeting again in person. We'd like to get your input with this survey. Please read the "Background" summary before answering the questions.

BACKGROUND: The guidelines change frequently in response to the status of the pandemic. At this moment gathering indoors for worship is prohibited. However, considering the guidance in place just prior to the current prohibition and based on guidance from CDC, state, county and denominational guidelines, this is what our in-person worship experience would look like:

1. People will be asked to do a self-assessment each Sunday morning and not come if they have any possible symptoms that may indicate infection.
2. We would have people reserve places ahead of time to insure we would not exceed capacity which is limited to 25% of the legal capacity of the sanctuary.
3. Participants would park in designated parking places to insure there is an empty space between each car.
4. Everyone will mask themselves as they leave their car and move to the sanctuary and maintain a six-foot distance from other worshippers.
5. We would have volunteer monitors reminding people to maintain distance as everyone enters the sanctuary.
6. Hand washing/sanitizing units will be set up outside the sanctuary and everyone will be expected to use them upon entering. It is possible we would

require each person's temperature be taken before entering the sanctuary by a trained volunteer using a face shield and protective clothing; and anyone with a higher temperature than normal would be asked to return home.

7. The sanctuary would have designated areas for "households" to sit in the pews so that the six-foot distance would be maintained in all directions.
8. There would be no singing of any kind.
9. There will be no shared recitation of such things as the call to worship and the Lord's Prayer.
10. Communion will not be celebrated.
11. Any contacts with others, such as the Passing of the Peace and greeting each other, would be prohibited.
12. The pastor and liturgist would be the only speakers, segregated from each other and the pianist.
13. The state has encouraged worship leaders to have shorter services than usual to minimize exposure.
14. There will be no choir or vocal soloists.
15. No one would "come forward" for a children's sermon.
16. Children would be required to stay with their household group and not be allowed to be excused for any shared activity that would bring them into contact with other children.
17. At the conclusion of the service, volunteer monitors would oversee people leaving the sanctuary in a way that would maintain social distancing through the doors.
18. Any use of the bathrooms would need to be monitored in ways yet to be determined in order to allow for disinfecting of touched surfaces after each use.
19. Following the service, people will not be allowed to gather for a traditional coffee hour and any conversations would need to occur outdoors with masks and while maintaining distancing.
20. Volunteer monitors would assist people in keeping the social distancing as they return to their cars.
21. If anyone who has attended a service tests positive for COVID in the time after attending, they are obligated to inform the church, and all persons who were present will be notified of possible exposure.

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