

Lakeview UMC Re-Connect Plan

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The following plan for “Re-Connecting” the church into physical presence into the daily life of the church. We seek not to resolve and anticipate every potential situation or circumstance but rather, to provide a framework from which on-going monitoring, adjustment, and mobility within the plan. It is incumbent to have a plan enabling a nimbleness in adaptability to the reality as we progress toward full-in-person worship.

Phase 1 “Soft Opening”

1. Limited office operation to provide services to the congregation. Public access will be restricted
 - a. Access will be by appointment with limited hours
 - b. The front office window will remain closed and the hall doors locked
 - c. Chairs will be changed to vinyl and wipes placed in the reception area
 - d. Signage to keep visitors at 6’ distances and asking them to clean prior to leaving
2. Restroom procedures: after each use sinks, faucets, handles cleaned.
3. Groups of less than 10 may be permitted to meet in Fellowship hall with table and seating arranged to provide adequate distance.
4. No church provided or shared food or drinks
5. Masks required when people enter the building

General guidelines for Phase 1

1. No members/guests will allowed entry to the back office area
2. Pastors may meet with members in the conference room with limitations of no more than 4 people at any given meeting
3. People should bring their own water/drink bottles

Considerations

Considerations for homeless, community needs: Sign placed outside front door instructing people to remain outside and use intercom to ask for assistance.

Phase 2 “Increasing Access”

When Phase 2 approaches, the Re-Connect team will assemble and evaluate any current CDC/County guidelines then in effect and review this procedure for any modifications necessary.

1. Prior to implementation of Phase 2 we will conduct education of members through video, email, snail-mail, and on-site for guests
2. Groups may assemble while maintaining distancing

3. Opening of Smoot Hall and the Sanctuary to gatherings.
4. The chapel will remain restricted to groups of 25 or smaller
5. Round tables will not be used in Smoot, spaced seating will be provided.
6. No meals or prepared foods to be served.
7. Hand sanitizer will be provided at all entrance/exits and required on entry

Worship – in-person worship may resume within the limitations of numbers (*maximum of 115 persons in the Worship Center*)

1. People will be screened at the entrance including taking temperature
 - a. Those who have health issues will be told to remain in isolation in this phase and be discouraged from attending
 - b. Those with mobility challenges will be discouraged as traffic patterns may increase walking distances
2. Sanctuary seating will be every other row and spaces marked to assist people with seating
 - a. In-between services, barriers will be moved to utilize clean pews and minimize cleaning between services.
 - b. Surfaces will be sanitized between services by wiping/spraying the surface with a minimum of ten minutes drying time.
3. We will open Smoot Hall to **“overflow”** enabling additional spaced seating with the service projected on screen.
4. Restroom surfaces cleaned and sprayed with disinfectant between services and door handles wiped
5. Air handlers will be set to recirculate continuously
6. Choir will not convene to sing at this time. There will be no congregational singing
7. Offering plates/boxes will be placed near exits for people to place their offering
8. Communion will not be served
9. Traffic patterns will be established to minimize cross traffic and pastors will not greet on exit to avoid bottlenecks
10. No bulletins or announcements will be printed at this time
 - a. Hymnals, Bibles, attendance pads and other items will be removed from pews (BYOB-bring your own Bible!)

No change in office procedures from phase 1

**Outside groups may be allowed to return on a case-by-case basis and if they have a plan in place to provide necessary precautions, cleaning, and maintain distancing guidelines. (Line Dancing, SCYSAC, Blood drives etc...)*

Phase 3 “Soft Full Operations”

When Phase 3 approaches, the Re-Connect team will assemble and evaluate any current CDC/County guidelines then in effect and review this procedure for any modifications necessary.

1. In this phase general operation of the church will expand with limitations on distancing removed so long as reported cases remain low
 - a. Restrictions on distancing in worship and gathering spaces are removed but people encouraged to avoid hugging or close contact
2. Office will open to normal hours and operation
3. Those with on-going, non-contagious health issues and those with mobility limitations may return to worship and activities
4. Startup of activities to be determined
5. Meal service for TNT and Amazing Greys will be re-evaluated based upon current guidelines from CDC, Maricopa County Health, and related sources.
6. Beverage service and pre-packaged, store purchased snacks may be brought to meetings and fellowship.
7. Covid 19 established cleaning practices will continue for the foreseeable future as long-term effects are better understood. Coordination with professional cleaning services and in-between worship services will help mitigate spread of the virus.

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