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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COVID-19 Building Usage Policy **APPROVED 08/10/2020 BY SUMC LEADERSHIP BOARD**

Level 4 (Purple)

- All activity in the building is suspended immediately (including outside groups who have reserved space, funerals, and wedding services - all deposits will be fully refunded)
- All worship services, program ministries, and meetings are streamed exclusively
- Custodial staff will use time to clean and repair building
- Essential office staff (Ashley and Lori) work from home
- SWELC will follow all state mandated guidelines

Level 3 (Red)

- Worship will be both live and streamed, with full social distancing protocol required for all attendees and staff (include the wearing of masks) with no more than three worship staff/servants singing together as a part of the service
- Masks not required for those leading the service (as per state guidelines) while they are on the worship platform
- The office will open and staffed
- Suspension of all outside groups who have reserved space in the building (all deposits will be fully refunded). No new reservations for outside building usage will be taken.
- Weddings and funerals to proceed meeting all social distancing requirements for weekly worship (including mandatory masks for all attendees with exceptions with anyone with speaking or singing duties)
- Program ministries may take place outdoors following social distancing protocol (the restroom will be the only indoor facility available to these groups)
- SWELC will follow all state mandated guidelines.

Level 2 (Orange)

- Only changes from Level 3 include
 - Program ministries involving those 5th grade and older may meet in the building, observing all social distancing protocol, including the wearing of masks

Level 1 (Yellow)

- Only changes from Level 3 include
 - Worship will be live and streamed with all social distancing protocol maintained with masks being optional
 - All liturgy restored at 9am service. All music at both services.
 - All program ministries may meet indoors with optional masks with ministries for children younger than 9th grade on Sunday morning resuming
 - Funerals and Wedding services will meet all social distancing guidelines with masks being optional
 - Outside groups scheduled in the building may resume onsite meetings and new reservations for building usage may be taken
 - Serving of food may resume at church functions (funeral dinners will need to be catered by a licensed food vendor who meets all state COVID-19 serving requirements)

Level 0 (No Color)

Resume all protocol in place before COVID-19 in March 2020.



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Other Proposals to Consider:

- **Suspension of all event ministry through the end of 2020**
 - Blessing of the Bikes alternative
 - 5th Quarter
 - Fall Fest
 - Christmas Cantata (with new goal of a Palm Sunday Cantata in 2021)
- **Christmas Schedule**
 - We WILL do our best to continue the Christmas mission ministries
 - We WILL schedule at least one Christmas Eve service at 11pm
 - Worship on December 27th will be STREAMED ONLY
- **Full Music Ministries to Resume at Level 1**
 - Includes midweek choir rehearsals, & more than three voices on the platform unmasked simultaneously
- **Suspension of Funeral Dinner Team and Lunch Bunch until September 2021**
- **Suspension of Haiti Mission Teams Until January 2022**
- **All ministries and programs need to keep a list of attendance of all meetings within our building when it is appropriate to meet.**