

Christ Church Chicago:

A Policy for In-Person Meetings at Hyde Park Union Church COVID-19/Fall 2020

Practices for Healthy Staff, Volunteers, & Congregants:

Pre-Registration: In order to control and limit the amount of people present for Sunday morning services, all people in attendance must have PRE-REGISTERED via active link which expires as soon as the 100 person limit has been reached. The 100 person limit has been established well below the 25% maximum total capacity limit established by local authorities.

Queuing for Ingress: Ingress will be staggered by queuing the congregation into multiple lines, with temperature checks and waiting areas for households to proceed inside together.

Pre-Screening: Any open entrances to the church building will be monitored by trained volunteer “greeters” who will be present (wearing masks and gloves) to remind each person who intends to enter Hyde Park Union of the health and safety policies as well as to take each person’s temperatures via “no-touch” thermometers. A temperature of 100.4 F (38.0 C) will be considered above the acceptable limits and anyone with that metric (verified by two readings) will be asked to leave the premises and advised to contact their primary care physician.

Face Coverings: All those (above the age of 5) who are desiring to enter Hyde Park Union Church will appropriately wear some form of physical respiratory protection (such as a cloth face covering) whenever people are within six feet (two meters) of each other. Children 5 and under are exempt from the face covering mandate in alignment with the WHO recommendations.

Social Distancing: All those in attendance agree to practice social distancing whenever possible by leaving at least six feet (about two meters) between themselves and the person closest to them, according to public health guidance. Social distancing will be observed outside the church while waiting to be admitted as well as inside the building. Households will sit at least six feet (~two meters) away from those who are not members of their household.

General Etiquette: Everyone should avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth. Microphones, headphones, and other personal equipment should not be shared, and should be sanitized before and after each use. Everyone should cover his/her cough or sneeze with a tissue, an elbow or shoulder if no tissue is available, followed by thorough handwashing.

Hand Washing: Gloves will be provided to all volunteers who will be in contact with congregants or involved in conducting health screenings. Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol will be available inside the building to improve access to hand cleaning for all present..

Egress Process: To maintain social distancing, it is recommended to egress from back to front in the auditorium. This process can be aided by staff or volunteers.

Service-specific Practices & Precautions:

Bulletins: In order to reduce hand to hand contact, as well as trash, printed bulletins will not be available. Electronic bulletins/order-of-service will be made available.

Children's ministry/Nursery: No children's programming will be conducted. Children in attendance will remain with their parents at all times. Children will be encouraged to bring their own Kid City supply bags and Kid Connect worksheets from home for use during the service.

Coffee Service: Due to the fact that beverage stations present a high risk of contamination and disease transmission we will suspend the service of coffee, refreshments and snacks.

Communion: Recommended to serve individually wrapped communion elements. Social distancing should be observed in lines which may require "creative" spacing in the center aisle.

Offering: In lieu of a passed offering plate, offering boxes will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary for those who wish to give in person. Online giving instructions will be available during the service to encourage contactless giving.

Supplies Kept On Hand: Hand sanitizer, disposable face masks, "touchless" electronic thermometers (3), hand wipes for musicians, latex gloves in various sizes, Sanitizing spray & paper towels, garbage bags for disposing of PPE, and basic cleaning supplies

Zoom Service: The service will continue to be available through a weekly Zoom link for those who are unable to attend in person.