

First Presbyterian Church Kosciusko

Phase 2: In-person worship + small groups (maximum precautions)

Start date: Sunday, July 19, 2020

- ◆ **Social distancing** and **sanitization** will continue to be emphasized during Phase 2.
- ◆ **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** continues at 10:20 a.m. Radio and livestream available. “Phase 1” precautions will continue (limited entrances, hand sanitization, seating, face covering/mask recommendations).
- ◆ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING after worship on July 19.**
- ◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** resumes at 9:00 a.m. During this phase we will offer 3 adult classes:
 - **Mary Thornton Bible Class:** Hugh Potts (maximum 20 in Mary Thornton Room) *Masks mandatory for attendees.*
 - **Pursuers:** Eddie Thomas (maximum 12 in current room) *Masks optional for attendees.**
 - **Summer Elective:** Phillip Palmertree (maximum 50 in Fellowship Hall). *Masks optional for attendees.**
 - **Teens:** Trey Owens (maximum 16 in Burge House) *Masks optional for attendees.**
 - **Elementary:** *See opposite page for protocols.*
 - **Upper:** Shelia Pickle (maximum 12 in current room)
 - **Middle:** Mark Dye (maximum 12 in current room)
 - **Lower:** Judy Potts (maximum 16 in current room)
- ◆ **NURSERY CARE** will be offered during Sunday School and Worship. Volunteer list will be composed of low-risk individuals.
- ◆ **GROUP BIBLE STUDIES** (e.g., E-Groups, Ladies’ Circles, or other small groups) and **FPC COMMITTEE MEETINGS** are encouraged to meet at FPC according to the discretion of group leader(s), if the group has adequate space for social distancing. **Notify the church office if your small group or committee plans to meet onsite so that the custodial staff can prepare the room and clean/sanitize after the meeting.**
- ◆ **Three entrance/exit doors will be available:** sanctuary foyer, church office, and one door at the north portico entrance to the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ When you are inside the building, we ask you to observe the standard **6-foot distancing** recommendations.

* “Mask optional” classes are subject to local/state requirements.

Phase 2 Protocols for FPC Children and Youth *(effective July 12, 2020)*

DISTANCE & DURATION

During Phase 2, we will evaluate and balance **physical distance** and **event duration**. The longer an event, the more importance distance becomes, and vice versa. We will favor **“spaced-out” activities for children and youth**—activities that allow larger physical distance or that occur outdoors and do not require close physical contact.

SPECIFIC SETTINGS

Nursery

- We will provide a clean and sanitized play environment.
- We have recruited volunteers for July-August duty who are “low-risk” for COVID-19.

Sunday School

- We encourage all attendees, including elementary school-age children, to wear masks in hallways and gathering areas.
- Children will not be required to wear masks during class time.
- Youth class is “mask optional.”
- Seating areas will be arranged to allow 6 feet between children who are not siblings. Children under 6 will not be required to socially distance.
- After the conclusion of the class, teachers may take children either outside or to the gymnasium for “spaced-out” play.

Other Activities & Gatherings

- Sports may be played with modified rules to encourage physical distance.
- Children’s events will last for no longer than 1 hour. Children’s activities will not require mask-wearing.
 - INSIDE activities will aim to keep participants at “arms-length distance.”
 - OUTSIDE activities may allow for brief close contact, but not for longer than 5 consecutive minutes.
- Youth may gather according to MS Dept. of Health recommendations.
 - Masks are strongly encouraged for INSIDE youth gatherings that either do not allow for 6’ physical distancing or last more than an hour.
 - OUTSIDE youth gatherings do not require masks as long as a 6’ physical distance is maintained.
- **Attendance** will be recorded in all children’s or youth events during Phase 2, so that contact can be made in the case of an outbreak.