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COVID-19 Mitigation and Re-opening Plan June 2, 2020

1. Welcome to the re-opening of in-person worship at Trinity! Sunday, June 7 is our target date for reopening for weekly Sunday worship. The Council does reserve the right to adjust this date or reimplement closures if the local health conditions change or municipal or state mandates require based on local health initiatives.
2. Capacity: Large events are now permitted. Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) emergency order states that organizations may operate at a capacity that supports the physical distancing requirements for staff and attendees of 6 feet.

These distancing requirements will probably mean that approximately 50-60 people could attend.

3. Entrance and exit plan.
 - A. All will enter and exit through the main parking lot entrance.
 - B. This printed plan and regulations for entrance will be posted at the entrance.
 - C. The main entry, elevator, stairs to main level, main level bathroom, narthex, balcony and related stairway, and worship center are open for worship services. All other areas of the building are closed.
 - D. Greeters will be posted at the entrance to make sure all who desire to enter read the health entrance regulations and verbally agree to them.
 - 1) NO ONE MAY PARTICIPATE WHO IS EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OR WHO HAS KNOWINGLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A SUSPECTED POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE PAST 14 DAYS.
 - 2) NO PARTICIPANT MAY ENTER THIS FACILITY WITHIN 72 HOURS OF EXHIBITING A FEVER.
 - 3) Before entering the worship center, all participants will be asked to use the disinfectant hand gel provided.
 - E. Another greeter will be posted in the main lobby to give guidance and keep people moving into the worship center to prohibit large group gathering in the lobby area. They will also assist with elevator disinfection after each use.

- F. People should move directly to find seats in the worship center. Ushers will be present to assist and assure that appropriate distancing is practiced. Look for markings (tape, etc.) to indicate seating with prescribed distancing.
- G. Dismissal will be done by rows starting at the back pews. People will be asked to leave the facility as they are dismissed, maintaining distance while exiting.

4. Health and Sanitation Matters

- A. The use of face masks is no longer required, but it is strongly recommended by MOA and CDC. Masks protect others if you happen to be a carrier of the virus. If you choose not to wear a mask, please have a handkerchief readily available to help cover coughs and sneezes.
- B. Hand sanitizer will be provided for people to use. Please do so before entering the balcony or worship center.
- C. The bathrooms should be used minimally, as they would need to be cleaned after each use. We ask people to only use the main bathroom and to use it only if completely necessary.
- D. People should be careful to not unnecessarily touch common surfaces.
- E. The nursery and Children's Worship program will not be utilized during this time.
- F. Seating will be spread out to maintain six-feet of separation between household units. (Those living in the same household need not maintain the separation.)
- G. The part of the facility that is utilized will be cleaned following the service or at some point during the week before the next service, following MOA guidelines.
- H. All books and paper will be removed from the worship center for the time-being to reduce the number of surfaces needing to be cleaned. People are encouraged to take their own Bibles with them.
- I. For the time being, we discourage hand-shaking and hugs.
- J. We will not be hosting a coffee time after the service for the time-being.
- K. The deacons will carefully count the money with utilization of gloves, washing of hands, and social distancing with common surfaces cleaned after counting.
- L. Staff: Council members, greeters, accompanists, ushers and others assisting must receive training (probably written) prior to the re-opening of worship services. They will also undergo pre-shift screening to review this plan, and for determination if they are exhibiting symptoms. **NO ONE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS MAY REPORT FOR SERVICE.**
- M. A separate document will outline Trinity's plan for any occurrence of COVID-19 for any volunteers or staff and a return-to work plan following CDC guidance.

5. Worship Elements

- A. For the time being, we will not have group singing as this has been shown to be a significant transmitter of the virus due to increased projection of respiratory droplets. (Also, singing requires a 10-foot separation.)
- B. Reading of Scripture, a sermon, a children's focus, prayer, and music will be utilized.

- C. No bulletins will be physically distributed during the service, but one will be sent by Friday so people can print and bring with them if desired. If they bring one, they must take it out with them and not leave it for others to clean up.
- D. All words, including Scripture, will be projected on the screens.
- E. The sermon will continue to be recorded and put on the website so those not able to attend can still listen after the actual service has taken place.
- F. An offering plate will be set near the exit so people can offer their gifts as they leave.
- G. We will look to offer the sacrament of Communion starting in July or August. Combined wafer and juice cups have been ordered to eliminate the passing of the plates for the time-being.

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