



**LCGS COVID-19  
Action Plan  
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## Introductory Statement

*The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is committed to living out the unconditional love and radical hospitality of Jesus in our Worship, in our Service to the World, and in our Shared Life.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to seriously impact our public health, economic stability and mental (emotional) health. It has disrupted our accustomed ways of functioning as a congregation. While many of us lament not being able to gather in the church building for worship and other ministry activities, we are only able to do so when we are confident we can do so safely. In any decision making related to our life as a congregation, our first priority must be the health and safety of our members as well as others in the community.

The LCGS COVID-19 Task Force was created by the Congregation Council and charged with the task of creating policy and making recommendations for best practices, including when, how, and under what conditions our congregation will move from no in-person gatherings to modified gatherings within the church building. Those policies and recommendations are established taking into account information and recommendations from the CDC, the ELCA, and the Lower Susquehanna Synod. The Task Force consists of Helen Book, Melanie Martinez, John Walling and co-chairs Rod Schoening and Bruce Schreiter. Pastor Russell is providing staff support.

## **Background and Key Facts from the CDC About COVID-19**

**Spread:** The SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 primarily spreads person-to-person by respiratory droplets when a person coughs, sneezes, sings or shouts. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet or 2 arms lengths but much farther with singing and shouting).

**Symptom onset:** Symptoms generally appear 2-10 days, but as long as 14 days, after exposure to the virus. During the up to 2-week period before symptoms appear, infected individuals may still spread the virus (i.e. asymptomatic spread). This fact is the impetus for social distancing and wearing masks as a main strategy for reducing risk.

**Symptoms:** Symptoms can include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

**Diagnosis:** At this time, there are two types of tests for COVID-19: diagnostic tests and antibody blood tests. Antibody tests have been problematic, due to many false positive and false negative tests. Labs are working on better standardized tests for antibodies currently.

The following guidance is not exhaustive. It is our hope that the information contained in this document will help prevent exposures to COVID-19 through church related activities.

### **A Key Equation To Keep in Mind**

$$\text{COVID-19 Infection} = \text{Exposure to Virus} \times \text{Time}$$

The longer you stay in an environment that may contain the virus, the higher the risk of getting sick.

- People get infected when they are exposed to a certain amount of viral particles. Coughing sneezing and singing releases a large number of virus particles into the air, but an infected person talking or even just breathing can still release some virus into the air, and over a long period of time in an enclosed space, could still infect others.
- If you get a high level of exposure, it is a short time to infection; if you get a low level of exposure, it takes a longer time before you become infected.

- By way of illustration of potential risks, in Washington state, a single infected person attended a 2-1/2 hour choir practice. Of the 61 attendees, 53 people (87% of the group), developed COVID-19 afterwards. Two people died. There was no reported physical contact between attendees at the choir practice, but they sat in chairs about 6-10 inches apart (with some empty seats between members).
- The safest time for in-person gatherings in the physical church building as we are accustomed, is when the following criteria are met:
  - There is a downward trend in the number of new COVID-19 cases in our state for a defined period of time (previous guidance suggested a 14-day decline as a reopening criteria). This requires widespread availability of testing, with rapid return of results. Also, there should be a downward trend in the number of COVID-19 cases in our local hospitals.
  - A vaccine against COVID-19 exists. (The normal timeframe for vaccine development is 12-18 months.)
  - Valid antibody tests for COVID-19 are readily available.

## FACILITY AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

It is critical that LCGS has a clear facilities management plan prior to moving to in-person worship in our building. The developed plan will be revisited periodically to ensure that current guidelines are included. Below are guidelines we will follow as we move to in-person worship.

- LCGS will limit the use of church facilities to Worship only. We will continue to conduct ministry online as much as possible including Congregation Council and other ministry meetings.
- We most likely will begin in-person worship in All Saints Hall. This area is easier to clean and more conducive to social distancing.
- We may limit the size of attendance at our services to insure we provide at least 6-foot social distancing between each household unit. All seating arrangements will comply with CDC recommendations for social distancing and hygiene.
- Ushers will help direct people to seating areas. We ask that once seated, people refrain from any unnecessary movement to other seating areas.
- Face coverings are to be properly worn by all persons upon entering the building. Face coverings are to be properly worn at all times. Individuals may be excluded due to health conditions preventing face coverings.
- We are requesting that hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, etc. not be done at this time. Wave a hello to friends and other church members.
- We regret that there will be no singing until such time that it is safe to do so. Singing projects the virus particles much further than the six foot safety distance - even with a face covering.
- The choir loft and music rooms will be used only by the Cantor.
- The Ambo will be located a minimum of 15 feet away from the closest person.
- At this time childcare in the nursery will be suspended. This will resume only when it is safe to do so.

- LCGS will encourage vulnerable populations (those 65 years and older, those with disabilities and/ or serious respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, people who are immune compromised) as well as children under age 3 to consider remaining at home until a later time.
- Any member, staff, or guest should stay at home if they are symptomatic, have fever, have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or have traveled internationally or to a domestic hot spot within fourteen (14) days of their planned visit to our church.
- **Any member of the congregation who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to have a confidential conversation with one of the Pastors in a timely fashion regarding this information.**

## **WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL PRACTICE GUIDANCE**

The Coronavirus has presented challenges to in-person worship. We recognize now that it will be some time before we again experience Saturday/Sunday worship services in our building in the accustomed ways. Those challenges include the need to maintain social distance, dangers inherent in praying out loud together or singing even when wearing a mask (some studies show that droplets can be thrown 26 feet), the intimate nature of the Eucharist conflicting with necessary safety protocols, the need for sanitization in any part of the building utilized, and concerns regarding liability. And yet, we are committed to continuing to worship together in ways that feed us in faith while keeping us safe.

### **PHASE 1 (Preparing to Return to In-Person Worship)**

#### **Online Worship**

We are providing a recorded Service of the Word online each weekend, and are holding no in-person services. Recording (as opposed to live streaming) allows people to participate in the service at a time of their convenience, allows us to work around internet service issues, and ensures the safety of staff and assisting ministers providing leadership, as they can record separately. It also allows us to more easily incorporate resources from the broader church.

## **Outdoor Communion**

In addition to weekly online worship, we plan to hold outdoor, in-person services of Holy Communion in our parking lot one Saturday morning in July and August, 2020, with the possibility of continuing this monthly. A service will also be recorded and posted online those weekends so those in our more vulnerable demographic can worship from the safety of their homes. Worshippers are asked to arrive fifteen minutes prior to the start of the service, but no earlier. They should enter the parking lot off of Greenfield Road using the one-way entrance closest to Pitney Road, drive past the Good Shepherd statue, and stop at the left front corner of the building where offering will be received and a bulletin and communion wafer(s) will be handed to them through the front passenger window. Those who wish to remain in their car for worship will proceed to a designated space at the direction of a parking lot usher in a yellow vest. (If it is raining all will remain in their cars.) Those who wish to bring lawn chairs will be directed as to where to park. They can then set up their chairs in a designated area, grouped by households and maintaining 15 feet from the next person or group. Worshippers must practice social distancing throughout. Anyone who attends outdoor worship (including in a car, if the window is down) is required to wear a mask at all times.

Worship participants will be able to hear the Pastors through their cell phones by calling a number that allows you to participate in a conference call that will be set up for the service or by accessing the service through their car radio (directions will be provided at each service.) Music played will be pre-recorded by our Cantor. Wine will not be used. The service will be brief, as it is safer not to gather for an extended period of time. Participants are asked not to congregate or linger once the service has ended.

## **Festivals**

We will continue to find ways to bring people to see the outside of the building, connect with the Pastors, mark special liturgical days (e.g. with a flower display at Easter and Pentecost), and receive meaningful items (e.g. Palms on Palm Sunday).

## **At-Home Devotionals**

We will continue providing material to guide and support the prayer life of members.

## **Online Devotionals**

We will continue to provide online devotionals, including Evening Prayer from the Memorial Garden via Facebook live Wednesdays in summer 2020.

## **Prayer Walk**

In addition to the above, plans are underway for a Prayer Walk and labyrinth to be constructed on the church's property, to provide a self-guided outdoor devotional activity for members, neighbors, and anyone else who will find it helpful.



## **Baptisms**

Baptisms will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## **Weddings**

Weddings are currently not being scheduled in the church building itself. The Pastors would consider presiding at a small, socially-distant wedding of immediate family only that was held in a private backyard or other similar setting.

Once completion of an outdoor altar area has taken place, small, socially-distant weddings of up to 25 people can be held on the concrete pad there. The possibility also exists of erecting a tent on the property nearer the parking area for a small wedding. In either case, the couple may want to arrange for the rental of a porta potty, as the building remains closed.

## **Funerals**

All funerals during this time should be invitation only, so as to limit the number of those participating. No funeral services are taking place in the church building during this phase. A spoken service for immediate family only, maximum of ten participating, can be held in the church's Memorial Garden. The Pastors are willing to preside at small funerals taking place in a funeral home setting or at a graveside. No funeral luncheons should be held at this time.

# **PHASE 2 (Limited In-Person Worship)**

## **Online Worship**

Even when we are able to return to limited in-person worship in our building, it will be important for us to continue providing an online worship option, recognizing that some of those worshipping with us now can't or won't join us in person, but will need or want to continue to engage from the safety of their homes.

## **In-Person Worship**

In-person worship will only take place once all is in place to do so safely, including the establishing and communicating of all protocols, training of those who will have any responsibility related to it, posting of signage, placing of hand sanitizer stations, establishing of one-way traffic flow patterns in the building, and limiting the parts of the building to be accessed by locking or blocking off the parts that are not to be accessed.

Expectations regarding the need to wear a mask and maintain social distance need to be clearly communicated and a plan made as to how they will be enforced. Anyone who is not feeling well, or who has shown any symptoms in the two weeks prior will be asked to stay at home.

In order to meet in a space more conducive to social distancing and with surfaces that are more easily cleaned, in-person worship in this phase will take place in All Saints Hall, and not the nave. Chairs or clusters of chairs will be spaced at 6-foot intervals, making allowances for households to sit together. Doing so will allow us to accommodate a maximum of 50-60 people per service. The worshippers seated closest to the front will be at least 15 feet from the Pastors and Cantor. The Pastors and Cantor will each have a dedicated microphone.

To allow for adequate cleaning and air exchange between services, we anticipate holding two services each week: Wednesday evening at 7 PM and Sunday morning at 10 AM. While the church occupancy limits will be in effect, we are working on options to accommodate overflow. If we find we need to add an additional service, we will do so.

These brief, in-person worship services will include Holy Communion in one kind only (host). Worshippers will receive their host along with a bulletin that contains all that is needed for their participation in the service. No hymnals will be present.

Congregational responses will be limited to avoid the forceful expelling of air into the room. Participants will remain stationary for the peace, and will be asked to wave rather than to call out to one another. Instrumental music (piano or strings only) will be provided; there will be no singing. No nursery will be provided. The Shepherd's Crook Café will be closed, with no coffee available or social time possible.

Participants will be asked to arrive no more than fifteen minutes prior to the start of the service and leave promptly once the service has ended. To-standard cleaning and sanitization will occur after each worship service.

Worshippers may enter by the front narthex door, side parking lot door, or rear kitchen door. A greeter will be at each entrance to welcome them, give them a bulletin, and provide a mask if they have none. Once inside the building worshippers will proceed to enter All Saints Hall at the back of the room, at the entrance nearest the nave. Tape will mark 6-foot intervals on the floor of the hallway, keeping people separated while they wait to enter. Hand sanitizer stations will be in each of the two main hallways. As they enter All Saints, worshippers may place their offerings in a box on a table there along with a card indicating their attendance. An usher will direct them to available seating. Following the service, an usher will dismiss worshippers by rows, asking them to leave

All Saints by means of one of the smaller doors that exit into the kitchen hallway. Once in the hallway, they will leave by the exterior doors by which they entered the building.

### **Festivals**

We will need to evaluate how to mark special liturgical days (e.g. Christmas) safely. We might consider whether or not we can meet for worship in the nave for these important services, with the possibility of live streaming to expand participation using All Saints Hall seating and so that others are able to participate remotely. No receptions will follow festival services.

### **At-Home and Online Devotionals**

We will continue providing material to guide and support the prayer life of members.

### **Prayer Walk**

The Prayer Walk and labyrinth to be constructed on the church's property will continue to provide a self-guided outdoor devotional activity for members, neighbors, and others.

### **Baptisms**

Baptisms may be celebrated within a worship service in All Saints Hall, but may also take place in the nave itself immediately following a worship service, at the discretion of the Pastors. Baptisms in the nave will be limited to 10 people.

### **Weddings**

Weddings of no more than 50 people may be held in All Saints Hall or in the nave itself. For any wedding that takes place at the church, the wedding party must arrive dressed. The Pastors will also consider presiding at small, socially-distant weddings of immediate family only that are held at the church's outdoor altar area, or in a private backyard or other similar setting. No wedding receptions are possible.

### **Funerals**

All funerals during this time should still be by invitation only, so as to limit the number of those participating to 50 or fewer. A funeral service can be held in All Saints Hall or in the nave, with the possibility of live streaming so others are able to participate remotely. Services taking place in the church's Memorial Garden should be limited to no more than 15 people. The Pastors are also willing to preside at small funerals taking place in a funeral home setting or at a graveside. No funeral luncheons should be held at this time.

## **PHASE 3 (Expanded In-Person Worship)**

### **Online Worship**

It will be important for us to continue providing an online worship option in order to reach and support those who can't or won't be able to join us for in-person worship, either because of physical vulnerability, personal comfort, or distance.

### **In-Person Worship**

As long as the threat of COVID-19 remains, even if that threat lessens, our in-person worship will look different than what we have experienced prior to this pandemic. Cautionary measures will remain in place, even if relatively relaxed in the new normal.

Because of the nature of our gathering for worship, it will still be important for us to wear masks, practice social distancing, use hand sanitizers, limit time in close proximity with one another, and follow practices that keep one another safe. Anyone who is not feeling well, or who has shown any symptoms in the two weeks prior will be asked to stay at home. Our more vulnerable members, due to age or medical condition, will also be encouraged to worship from home.

We will continue to meet in All Saints Hall for regular services, set up as before, with a capacity of 50-60 people per service, and distance maintained between the worshippers seated closest to the front and those leading from the stage. Dedicated microphones will continue to be used by the Pastors and Cantor. We will also include others in leadership with us, including acolytes and assisting ministers. We will also consider introducing some choral singing, with singers socially distanced (maybe even in the hallway!).

To allow for adequate cleaning and air exchange between services, we anticipate holding two services each week: Wednesday evening at 7 PM and Sunday morning at 10 AM . Once we reach capacity, anyone else arriving will be politely asked to come instead the next service. If we find we need to add an additional service, we will do so.

Our in-person worship services will include Holy Communion in one kind only (host), with the host given out along with a bulletin that contains all that is needed for the service. No hymnals will be present. Congregational responses will still be limited, but perhaps a bit expanded over other phases. We will need to refrain from shaking hands or hugging at the peace. Instrumental music (piano or strings only) will be provided; there will still be no singing. No nursery will be available. The Shepherd's Crook Café will remain closed, or perhaps we move it outside, weather permitting, so social time can happen in a safer environment. We will continue to ask participants to arrive no more than fifteen minutes prior to the start of the service and leave the building promptly

once the service has ended. Socially-distanced visiting in the parking lot will be possible. Standard cleaning and sanitization will occur after each worship service.

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## **If Someone Tests Positive For Covid-19**

- If we learn that a staff person, guest, or member of the congregation who has been in the building has tested positive for COVID-19 or been recommended for testing, we will **IMMEDIATELY CEASE IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES** for at least fourteen (14) days following the date of the possible exposure. At that time, decisions around outdoor services will be considered.
- **To this end, any member of the congregation who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to contact one of the Pastors in a timely fashion.**
- A designee from the COVID-19 Task Force will be responsible for initiating an email and phone notification to the congregation to provide notice that individuals may have been exposed to COVID-19, and to seek medical attention including testing and to self-quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days. (In keeping with HIPPA regulations, any notifications of possible exposure will not include a disclosure of the identity of the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.)

## Appendix A

### Returning to In-Person Worship

**LCGS will review the following checklist as we ready to resume in-person worship:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Carefully review the reopening guidance provided by ELCA, the Lower Susquehanna Synod and recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide training for all persons who are responsible for planning, implementing, and managing our reopening.

\_\_\_\_\_ Remove and store all pew Bibles, hymnals, envelopes, visitor cards, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review our cleaning and sanitizing protocol.

\_\_\_\_\_ Procure a 3-month supply of the proper PPE and cleaning supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assign clear roles and responsibilities during the times the church will be open.

\_\_\_\_\_ Deep clean and sanitize the church facilities with attention to the sanctuary, offices, fellowship areas, restrooms, doorknobs/handles, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Post signage related to required face covering, social distancing practices (e.g. not shaking hands or hugging) and other pertinent information relative to our effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintain an adequate supply of cleaning products and personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, members, guests, vendors, etc. including face coverings (masks), gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Evaluate and repair as needed HVAC systems to make sure every area in the facilities has proper ventilation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Post signs about proper hand washing in all restrooms as well as the nursery, kitchen, pantry, sacristy, and other appropriate places.

\_\_\_\_\_ Create a plan to carefully manage the dismissal and flow of members out of the worship space following the Benediction.

# Appendix B CDC CLEANING AND SANITIZING GUIDELINES

## Cleaning And Disinfecting Your Facility

### Everyday Steps, Steps When Someone is Sick, and Considerations for Employers

#### How to clean and disinfect

**Wear disposable gloves** to clean and disinfect.

#### Clean

- **Clean surfaces using soap and water.** Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.



#### High touch surfaces include:

Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.



#### Disinfect

- Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.
- **Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectant.** Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

Many products recommend:

- Keeping surface wet for a period of time (see product label).
- Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

- **Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used** if appropriate for the surface. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

**Follow manufacturer's instructions** for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

**Leave solution** on the surface for **at least 1 minute**

Bleach solutions will be **effective** for disinfection **up to 24 hours**.

**To make a bleach solution**, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water

OR

- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

- **Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.**



#### Soft surfaces

For soft surfaces such as **carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes**

- **Clean the surface using soap and water** or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.



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- **Laundry items** (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

OR

- **Disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant.** [These disinfectants](#) meet EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19.

## Electronics

- For electronics, such as **tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATM machines**
- Consider putting a **wipeable** cover on electronics.
- **Follow manufacturer's instruction** for cleaning and disinfecting.
  - If no guidance, **use alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol.** Dry surface thoroughly.



## Laundry

For clothing, towels, linens and other items

- Launder items according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the **warmest appropriate water setting** and dry items completely.
- **Wear disposable gloves** when handling dirty laundry from a person who is sick.
- Dirty laundry from a person who is sick **can be washed with other people's items.**
- **Do not shake** dirty laundry.
- Clean and **disinfect clothes hampers** according to guidance above for surfaces.
- **Remove gloves,** and wash hands right away.



## Cleaning and disinfecting your building or facility if someone is sick

- **Close off areas** used by the person who is sick.
- **Open outside doors and windows** to increase air circulation in the area. **Wait 24 hours** before you clean or disinfect. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Clean and disinfect **all areas used by the person who is sick**, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATM machines.
- If **more than 7 days** since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
  - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.



## When cleaning

- **Wear disposable gloves and gowns for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash.**
  - Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) might be required based on the cleaning/disinfectant products being used and whether there is a risk of splash.
  - Gloves and gowns should be removed carefully to avoid contamination of the wearer and the surrounding area.
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for 20 seconds.
  - Always wash immediately after removing gloves and after contact with a person who is sick.



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- Hand sanitizer: If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used. However, if hands are visibly dirty, always wash hands with soap and water.

- **Additional key times to wash hands** include:

- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- After using the restroom.
- Before eating or preparing food.
- After contact with animals or pets.
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child).

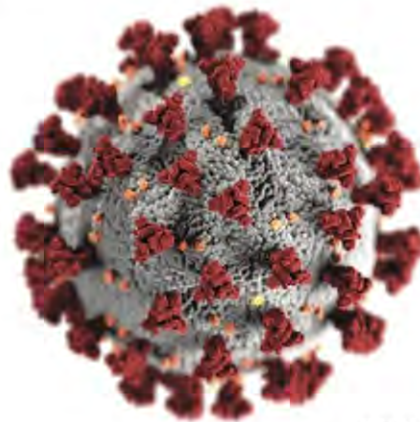
## Additional Considerations for Employers



- **Educate workers** performing cleaning, laundry, and trash pick-up to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19.
- Provide instructions **on what to do if they develop symptoms within 14 days** after their last possible exposure to the virus.
- Develop **policies for worker protection and provide training** to all cleaning staff on site prior to providing cleaning tasks.
  - Training should include when to use PPE, what PPE is necessary, how to properly don (put on), use, and doff (take off) PPE, and how to properly dispose of PPE.
- Ensure workers are **trained on the hazards of the cleaning chemicals** used in the workplace in accordance with OSHA's Hazard Communication standard ([29 CFR 1910.1200](#)).
- **Comply** with OSHA's standards on Bloodborne Pathogens ([29 CFR 1910.1030](#)), including proper disposal of regulated waste, and PPE ([29 CFR 1910.132](#)).

## For facilities that house people overnight:

- Follow CDC's guidance for [colleges and universities](#). Work with state and local health officials to determine the best way to isolate people who are sick and if temporary housing is needed.
- For guidance on cleaning and disinfecting the bedroom/bathroom for someone who is sick, review CDC's guidance on [disinfecting your home if someone is sick](#).



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