

In-Person Worship Gathering Protocols

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Due to the increase of Covid cases in Nueces County because of the new Covid Delta Variant, the Session is implementing the following protocols for In-Person Worship.

- Worship services will continue to be broadcast on Zoom.
- **In-Person Attendance** – the following will be observed:
 - Please do not enter the building until you are ready to be seated.
 - **Masks** – **Everyone must wear a mask at all times while in the sanctuary.** This is to protect everyone in attendance, especially children who are not yet vaccinated, those who have not yet received the vaccine, and even those who are vaccinated.
 - **Hand Sanitizer** – Please use hand sanitizer as you enter the building and as often as you feel necessary.
 - **Social Distancing.**
 - Sit only with people in your family.
 - Assure there is an empty bench in front and in back of you.
 - Assure no one is sitting directly in back or in front of you or your family.
 - **Physical Contact** – Before, during, and after the service, **refrain** from any physical contact except with your own family (*e.g., no hugs, no handshakes, etc.*).
 - **Singing** – Sing in your heart, not with your voice. **DO NOT REMOVE YOUR MASK!**
 - **Lord's Supper** – For the Lord's Supper, maintain social distancing when coming forward to receive the elements assuring safety protocols in mind.
 - **Offering** – Place your offering in the designated spot as you enter the sanctuary, or at your convenience. You may still mail your offering if you wish.
 - **After Worship** – When worship concludes, please take a moment to wipe down any hard surface you might have touched. Please exit the sanctuary in a manner that maintains social distance. Due to the high increase in Covid cases, we highly recommend no gatherings or conversations be held outside!
- If you are feeling sick (*or have been sick recently*), please do not attend worship in person.
- **COVID** – If you have symptoms of Covid-19, including a fever of over 100.4 *OR* have Covid – **DO NOT ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES.** Contact the clerk of session, Andy Anzaldúa (361-877-1590 or via e-mail, andyanzaldua@gmail.com), and let him know so that the Session can assess what measures to take for in-person services which may include closing the church.
- No gatherings will be allowed in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.
- The church will be open only for Sunday worship. No other gatherings on church property will be held at this time unless approved by the Session.
- Attendance will be kept to mark your presence with us (*also in the event that contact tracing is needed*).
- ***Your health and well-being remain our utmost concern!***