

RE-OPENING PROTOCOL FOR THE St. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Following the Washington State Phase 1 and Phase 2 Guidance for Religious and Faith-based Organizations for COVID-19 Re-Opening)

(Each congregation will appoint a COVID-19 Supervisor whose name and information will be available in the Church Office. Persons who contract COVID or have been exposed to it are responsible for reporting that information to the COVID Supervisor or the Church Office (360) 642-3115)

ENTERING AND LEAVING THE NARTHEX, BEFORE & AFTER SERVICES:

- State requires that each person take their own temp before coming to the service. Temp must not be 100.4 degrees or higher. Temperature checks may be taken for each person entering a service.
- The wearing of facial masks is mandatory both indoors and outdoors on church property. Participants will be encouraged to bring their own from home. Masks will be handed out to anyone who forgot theirs.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the door and in each pew for use by all.
- Sign-ins: Each attendee to a service is required to fill out a form to say they do not have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, that they have not knowingly been around anyone with COVID or showing symptoms of COVID, do not have any symptoms, acknowledge the risks of entering a shared space and must sign their name and email address. The form will include a Hold Harmless agreement which would protect the Church Center and each denomination from being sued if someone gets the virus from attending worship. These forms will be kept for three weeks for use in case of the need for contact tracing. Anyone becoming sick within three weeks must report that information to the Church Office.
- Waste containers will be readily available at the entrance to the sanctuary to dispose of used tissue/masks.
- Sanitizing: All entrance/exit doors plus high touch surfaces used as participants enter and exit the Narthex must be sanitized, as well as all pews. Each worship group is responsible for sanitizing after their service is over.
- Social Distancing (6 feet) must be observed at all times.

DURING OCCUPATION OF THE NAVE/SANCTUARY:

- The Episcopalians will worship on the East (Sacristy) side of the church. Presbyterians will worship on the West (window) side.
- Blue tape will mark 6' distancing. Each pew will be marked with acceptable sitting places, which may be decided upon the first opening when attendance is able to be observed. Seating will be determined by each congregation on their assigned side,

assuring that social distancing of 6' is being observed. Persons who shelter together may sit together.

- Singing may only occur with masks on and correctly worn. Choirs are not allowed to perform. Instrumental or digital music is encouraged.
- No serving of the Eucharist/Lord's Supper is to occur at this time.
- Boxes of tissue and hand sanitizer will be in each pew. Participants are encouraged to take care of their own used items, but waste receptacles will be readily available.

DURING THE SERVICES:

- Episcopalians will leave the outside back doors open to air out the Narthex during their service. Presbyterians will leave both sets of back doors open during theirs.
- All books and literature will be removed from the pews since they cannot be sanitized.
- No bulletins will be distributed on Sunday mornings.

WATER AND VENTILATION;

- Clearing of the water pipes will be done by running all water sources simultaneously for 5 minutes prior to opening.
- Ventilation (ceiling fans) are to be on at all times.
- Outer doors in the Narthex will be left open during St Peter's service, weather permitting. Both the back doors of the sanctuary and the outer doors will be left open during the Presbyterian service. The Episcopalians will leave the door by the organ open after their service to further help air circulate.
- Due to fire regulations, the inner doors to the Chapel and Nave/Sanctuary cannot be left open during the week.

RESTROOM USE:

- Episcopalians will use the South restroom. Presbyterians will use the North restroom. Sanitizer/disinfecting wipes will be provided. Each person using the restroom is required to disinfect it before leaving as per posted restroom cleaning instructions.
- Restroom doors should be propped open between and after last service to allow the air to circulate.

LEAVING THE SERVICE:

- Social distancing will be maintained on leaving.
- Dispose of all tissues not being taken home. Sanitize hands upon leaving.
- Participants are required to immediately exit the building and do any social visiting outdoors. Masks must still be left on and social distancing maintained.
- Doors will be propped open during exit.
- Designated crew from each congregation will sanitize the Narthex after the last person is out.