

Epworth United Methodist Church
Valley City, ND 58072

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Re: COVID-19 Policy Update

To: All that utilize Epworth United Methodist Church

The safety of our congregation, staff, and anyone that uses our space at Epworth United Methodist Church is very important. Also, the Servant Leadership Team (SLT) is acutely aware that in-person worship is vitally important to several members of our congregation and that our space is needed by many groups inside and outside of our congregation.

The SLT understand the need for access to services, but also the need to balance the need to reduce the risk of infection and ensure the safety of all in our space. The SLT established the following guidelines to ensure safety for all that enter Epworth United Methodist Church and our staff.

- Entry is through the west main entrance only. Other entrances will remain closed.
- A self-check for COVID-19 symptoms will be completed before entry. If you are sick or have symptoms, do not enter Epworth. Hand sanitizer is available.
- All that enter and staff are *required* to have a mask. If you don't have a mask, disposable masks are available at the entrance.
- Masks are *required* to be worn if within six feet of someone or if the possibility of being within six feet of someone exists.
- Those attending worship will social distance by family groups and wear a mask. Singing is allowed.
- During normal Sunday activities, masks will be worn at all times unless seated during coffee fellowship with their family group or a fully vaccinated group.
- Those using Epworth's space for any activity will social distance as best as possible, wear a mask, and clean/disinfect area after use.
- All will depart in a timely manner after worship/activity.
- If a group has special considerations, work with Epworth to find solutions.
- Epworth has the right to cancel/reschedule events and the right to change the COVID Policy based on the COVID threat.

Sincerely,



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SLT Member