**Christ Lutheran Church COVID-19 Exposure Control, Mitigation and Recovery Plan in accordance with CDC and Washington State guidelines for Indoors and Outdoors Religious or Faith Based Services**

**(As of September 8, 2020)**

Yakima County Modified Phase 1: Outdoor Gatherings/Services: 200 Persons maximum.

Yakima County Modified Phase 1: Indoor Gatherings/Services: lesser of 50 Persons or 25% capacity.

**General Health Issues**:

1. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and attended a Christ Lutheran Church function in the last 14 days, please call the church, so we can anonymously inform our congregation and work with the health officials in our county.
2. Please perform self-screening prior to coming to service or church. If you are feeling sick for any reason, or see that your children do not feel well, please do not come to church. If you desire to take your temperature before coming to service, and record a temperature of 100.4 or above, you should stay home. If you have been in contact with someone within the last 14 days who has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not come to church, but call the church, so we can pray for your health, and help you view and/or listen to the service online. However, if you have been tested since that exposure and received a negative result you are welcome to come to service.
3. Please, greet each other with a friendly smile (hidden by your mask) and “Hello”, but no handshakes or hugs at this time.
4. When possible, maintain at least 6 feet between you and your fellow congregant, unless that person is in your immediate household.
5. The main doors to the foyer and sanctuary will be open. Greeters, if present, will maintain 6 feet separation.
6. Please, do not enter or exit the church in any way other than the main entrance. The only areas that will have access are the Sanctuary, Foyer and Bathrooms.
7. For the time being, for communion, Christ Lutheran will provide single-serve, self-contained communion kits that will be provided at the service. You will be handed this kit and a bulletin when you enter the sanctuary. The communion procedure may change in the future and you will be provided ample notice of any changes.

**Sanitation**:

1. These areas of the church will be cleaned and sanitized prior to and after Sunday Worship Service:
   1. Sanctuary, including the wood portions of the pews
   2. Foyer
   3. Bathrooms
   4. Doors in all these spaces, including handles and push portions.
2. All spaces used outside of Sunday Worship will be sanitized.
3. Soap is provided for use in each bathroom for washing hands. Please take advantage of the soap and wash your hands.
4. Bathroom doors will be propped open when not in use. Please, limit use of the bathrooms to a maximum of 2 persons at one time in the bathroom and please don’t “bunch up” if there is a line forming to use the bathroom.
5. Hand sanitizer will be provided for use in the bathrooms, foyer, and sanctuary.
6. Facial masks will be worn by all individuals that can medically do so. Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear masks.
7. Tissues and Trashcans will be available for use as well.
8. Other disinfectants will be available for use and kept in supply.

**Sanctuary**:

1. Pews will be marked for use on an every-other basis in order to maintain the 6 foot distance. However, family members may sit together. Please try to maintain the 6 foot distance between you and other, non family members, that might be sitting in your pew.
2. There will be singing in the Church service. You are not required to sing. It is your choice. However, for those that desire to sing during worship, please keep your face mask on. For that matter, please keep your face mask on the entire time of the service with the exception of taking communion.
3. The offering plates will not be passed around during the service. Please, place your offering in the box in the foyer on your way in or out of the service. Alternatively, you can send offerings to the church by mail or make donations online or through the simply giving program.
4. Please, do not bring communal food or drinks to share at church. Additionally, for the time being, coffee and cookies will not be served at church after service at this time.
5. The bread and cup for communion will be in pre-assembled single-serve portions that are picked up by individuals as you enter the sanctuary.
6. Ventilation systems will be operated as applicable in the building to prevent the stagnation

of the air. Weather permitting, we’ll have the windows open and the fans turned on.

**Children**

1. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot have nursery services available.
2. Please, bring your children with you to the sanctuary to worship with us, so we can see them grow. Please, have a discussion with your children prior to coming to church on the importance of following these guidelines.

**Your Attendance at the In-Person Service**

1. First and foremost, your attendance at the service is your choice. The doors will be open and these are the precautions that are being taken to make the service as safe as possible. As we are all aware of, the CDC has designated certain groups of our population as being more at risk of potentially developing more serious complications if they were to contract the COVID-19. According to the CDC these groups include the elderly (age 65 and older), those with underlying health conditions, and those with disabilities. Again, the choice of in-person attendance at the service is totally up to you.

**Known Cases of COVID-19**

1. Christ Lutheran Church will notify the church body (primarily via email but through phone calls, if necessary) if we become aware of any visitor or member in the congregation that has tested positive for COVID-19 and attended a church service within 14 days of the confirming test. If you are that person or become aware of someone in that situation, please contact either Pastor Schraan or Kathy Sebree or Andy Sauer and let them know. Christ Lutheran will advise anyone attending a service where the confirmed COVID-19 positive person was also in attendance and encourage those people to contact their PCP for guidance on next steps. It is strongly suggested that anyone so exposed be tested and obtain a negative result before returning to service.

Postings:

* + - 1. This document will be posted in the following locations:
         1. The main entry to the church.
         2. The entry to the Sanctuary.

Christ Lutheran will also do its best to send the document via email to all with an email address. Given our lack of a paid secretary or deacon at this time, that may take a while.

* + - 1. CDC signs will be prominently displayed as appropriate in the following locations:
         1. Adjacent to the main entry to the Church
         2. Foyer

Christ Lutheran thanks you for your faith and continued support. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to ask. Please contact either Pastor, Kathy or Andy.