

# COVID-19 RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR FULL RE-OPENING

Great Plains Conference United Methodist (Kansas and Nebraska) — [www.GreatPlainsUMC.org](http://www.GreatPlainsUMC.org)

	Low	Medium	High	Critical	Severe
	Daily new cases: under 1 per 100K people. The county is on track for infection containment.	Daily new cases: 1-10 per 100K people. The county has a slow infection rate currently happening.	Daily new cases: 10-25 per 100K people. The county is at risk for an infection outbreak.	Daily new cases: 25-75 per 100K people. The county is experiencing an active infection outbreaks.	Daily new cases: over 75 per 100K people. The county is experiencing a severe and dangerous infection outbreak.
<b>Worship</b>	Regular schedule with Online option, with 100% capacity.	Regular schedule with social distancing and online option, with 50% capacity	Multiple services with masks, social distancing, with 25% capacity.	Online option only	Online option only
<b>Adult Small Groups</b>	Regular schedule with Online option.	Regular schedule with social distancing and online option.	Online option preferred. In-person: masks and social distancing.	Online option only	Online option only
<b>Children/ Youth Groups</b>	Regular schedule with online option.	Regular schedule with social distancing and online option. Frequent hand washing	Online option preferred. In-person: masks and social distancing.	Online option only	Online option only
<b>Nursery</b>	Open with frequent sanitizing of equipment/toys.	Open with frequent sanitizing of equipment/toys, workers wearing masks.	Open with frequent sanitizing of equipment/toys, workers wearing masks.	Closed	Closed
<b>Church Staff</b>	Regular work schedules.	Regular work schedules with social distancing.	Regular work schedules with social distancing and masks.	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed
<b>Worship Team</b>	Full Band/Choir	3 - 4 max with 10' social distancing.	3-4 max with 10' social distancing	3-4 max with 10' social distancing to record for online option.	3-4 max with 10' social distancing to record for online option.

This guidance is authorized by the Bishop and appointive Cabinet. If you have questions, please contact your Congregational Excellence Liaison.

This tool will help you to have conversation with your leaders on what direction to follow as we are beginning to re-open our churches, and individuals are receiving vaccinations.

To find your County's Risk Level: 1.Go to [www.covidactnow.org](http://www.covidactnow.org). 2. Pull up your state map, look at the risk level map on the left-hand side of the page. 3. Locate your county. 4. Compare your county color to the Worship Risk Dial color.

Continue to follow recommendations from the CDC on wearing masks throughout this process. More restrictive state and county mandates are to be followed over these guidelines. Always check with your county health department.

For more information on relaunching youth ministries and best practices see: [http://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/cong\\_excel/coronavirus/youthmin+phase.pdf](http://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/cong_excel/coronavirus/youthmin+phase.pdf).

for more information on kids ministry relaunch including nursery best practices see: <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/files/resources/coronavirus/kidsmin+phase.pdf>.