

# Reopening Guidelines for Worship at Wamego UMC

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Throughout May and June, a team of church leaders worked diligently to prepare a plan to safely reopen our sanctuary for worship beginning July 5. Please understand that by following these guidelines you are protecting yourself and those around you. You are also helping us keep our sanctuary open for worship! That said, the availability of in-person worship and the guidelines we must follow will evolve with the state of the pandemic and recommendations from our health department and the UMC conference.

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## Overview

- It's important that you stay home if you are sick or immune compromised
- We encourage you to stay home if you are over 60 or under 16 years old
- Households will maintain six foot distancing on church property
- We will greet our neighbors without contact and from six feet apart
- Masks are required (Exceptions for those with lung conditions and kids under the age of two)

## Worship Services Offered

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
  - Streamed Live on Facebook
  - Uploaded to our Youtube channel and wamegoumc.org midweek
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
  - Streamed Live on Facebook
  - Airs on channels 193 and 19 (WTC) on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

## Capacity

- With proper social distancing, sanctuary is estimated to fit 50 people
- Fellowship Hall, utilized for overflow, estimated to fit 50 people
- If capacity is reached, be prepared to worship from home or at the next service

## Entry

- Our doors will open at 8:00 AM
- Two entrances available — fellowship hall entrance (Lincoln Avenue) and accessible entrance (alley)
- Doors in use propped open to minimize contact
- Hand sanitizer available at each entrance
- Limited number of disposable masks available at each entrance
- Greeters will welcome and assist you from a six foot distance

## Sanctuary Seating

- Ushers will seat each household to ensure proper distancing
- Every other pew will be utilized as well as the loft seating area

## Fellowship Hall Seating (used for overflow)

- Live stream will be broadcast on the TV
- Ushers will seat each household to ensure proper distancing
- One table per household, chairs available for smaller households

### Dismissal

- Remain seated until you are dismissed by an usher
- Sanctuary — ushers dismiss each pew separately, starting from back
- FH — after sanctuary empties, ushers dismiss each household separately, starting from front
- Upon dismissal, households will exit the building and leave the property promptly
- Pastor Mitch will be outside to say hello and wave as you leave

### Music

- Musicians will perform six feet apart from each other
- The full chancel and bell choir will not rehearse/perform
- There will be no congregational singing
- Lyrics to music will not be displayed on the projector

### Unavailable Items

- Bulletins (bulletins will be emailed out each week)
- Bibles (please bring your own or use a Bible app)
- Hymnals
- Children's activity bags
- Connection Cards (continue sharing joys/concerns via FB live or [office@wamegoumc.org](mailto:office@wamegoumc.org))
- Hy-Vee bread table (available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 AM - noon)

### Offering

- The offering plate will not be passed
- Offering baskets/boxes will be placed throughout the building
- Give anytime, anywhere from [wamegoumc.org/giving](https://wamegoumc.org/giving)

### Communion

- Communion offered first Sunday of each month at both worship services
- Pre-packaged communion will be available up on entrance
- Those worshipping on FB Live encouraged to participate from home

### Children's Activities

- Children will remain seated for the children's message
- No Sunday School
- Nursery not available

### Adult and Youth Activities

- No Sunday School
- No small group gatherings
- No fellowship time

### Restricted Areas

- All rooms except sanctuary, fellowship hall and bathrooms will be locked
- Water fountains will not be used
- Basement and hallways north of bathrooms will not be accessible

### Sanitizing

- High-traffic areas and surfaces will be sanitized between each service
- Regular cleaning and sanitization will continue throughout week