

Park Hill UMC COVID-19 Guidelines

effective February 28, 2022

Guiding Principles

- The COVID Team believes that it is essential to follow John Wesley's General Rule, "Do No Harm."
- ***For in-person activities, including worship and other gatherings, those in the building will be encouraged to wear face masks and follow social distancing guidelines.***

Community Benchmarks

- The COVID Team will consult county, state and Mountain Sky Conference guidelines and recommendations:
 - Denver County status is available on the [website](#) and on the [CDC website](#).
 - State of Colorado guidelines for faith communities is available on the [website](#).
 - Mountain Sky Conference guidelines are available [here](#).
- As of February 9, 2022, the City of Denver has removed its indoor mask mandate. As of February 26, 2022, Denver Public Schools will no longer mandate but highly encourage all persons to wear a mask. Additionally, there is now a vaccine available for those older than 5 years old, and a vaccine for those aged 2-5 is on the horizon. With this information, new protocols are in place for the building.

Updated Building Guidelines

- All persons entering the building will be highly encouraged to wear a mask, preferably a high-quality mask such as N95 or KN95.
- Medical masks will be made available at entrance doors.
- All persons in the building should remain socially distanced as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the building.
- Signs will be placed around the building with this information.

Worship

- **Sunday Morning Worship.**
 - Hybrid Sunday morning worship will be offered both in person and via livestream on the church YouTube channel and the church Facebook page.
 - Those attending worship are encouraged to wear a face mask.
 - Those attending worship should sit in family units or individually with 6 feet of separation from those around them.
- **Musical Groups.** Small choirs and ensembles may perform in the sanctuary. If they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19, they can perform without wearing a face mask.

- **Coffee/Fellowship Hour.** Refreshments may be served but will be served by a volunteer rather than people serving themselves. Single use materials will be used to serve individual items.

Programs and Ministries

Any groups that wish to meet in person are encouraged to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines. Please connect with the Church Operations Director to schedule the location, date, and time.

Committees can meet via online (i.e., Zoom) or can meet in the building. Any committees interested in meeting in person shall also connect with the Church Operations Director to schedule the location, date, and time.

Church Office

The church office is closed to persons dropping by. Staff are available to meet by appointment. Persons interested in making an appointment should contact staff directly or leave a message with the church office.

Weddings & Funerals

Weddings and funerals are allowed with the approval of any clergy member. All persons must follow church guidelines regarding masking and social distancing. Receptions are allowed; contact the Church Operations Director for more information.

Children's Center

The PHUMC Children's Center shall follow these guidelines unless licensing requirements require something different. Any changes will be shared with the Church Operations Director.

Newport Campus

The PHUMC @ Newport Campus shall follow these guidelines.

Temple Micah

Temple Micah shall follow these guidelines unless they have additional restrictions. Any changes will be shared with the Church Operations Director.