

# **Disinfecting Guidelines for Groups Meeting at First Presbyterian Church**

Effective June 1, 2020, First Presbyterian Church welcomes the opportunity for groups to return to meetings in the church building, contingent upon no significant increase in the local cases of COVID-19. Participants must comply with safety and insurance guidelines and requirements established at the local, state, national, and Presbytery levels.

## **As a reminder, Session has already published the following requirements:**

- No food or drinks are to be made/served at church.
- Groups will be limited to ten (10) people.
- Groups will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines, maintaining at least a 6-foot distance between people.
- Masks covering both the mouth and nose must be worn at all times while in the church building.
- Each group will be asked to follow disinfecting guidelines developed by session.

## **Group members using the building will be responsible for the following disinfection procedures:**

- Each person should wash hands upon arrival in the building.
- Group members (or a designated member) should use disinfectant wipes or spray to clean chairs and tabletops to be used during the meeting.
- One member of the group must stay after others have left to re-wipe all light switches, door handles, and bathroom handles, faucets, and counters used by group members so that these are disinfected for the next users.
- Groups are discouraged from meeting in classrooms or the Session Room because of limited space and upholstered seating that is difficult to disinfect.
- To allow for proper social distancing and disinfection, groups are encouraged to meet in Fellowship Hall, using the metal folding chairs set up there.

## **Please note:**

As long as supplies are available, First Presbyterian Church will provide an EPA-approved disinfectant spray and paper towels.

Sanitizing gel will also be available in the entryway and soap and water in the bathrooms. To help keep our supplies stocked, gel or foam hand sanitizer would always be a useful and welcomed donation.

Church staff clean exterior and interior door handles as well as other frequently touched surfaces as part of routine care of the building. However, the risks posed by the coronavirus pandemic require each person using the building to undertake additional measures to ensure safety for themselves and others.

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