## Overview

## Out of abundance of love for the health of our members, the church leadership is taking a number of health precautions into considerations to ensure a safe worship lace under the Covid-19. This safety plan, enumerated below, is for the purpose of outdoors vespers/worship. This safety plan does not apply for indoor worship services.Connecticut Executive Order for Houses of Worship

On May 29, 2020, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7TT which provides in Section 2.c.:

"Effective immediately, the 49-person limit on religious, spiritual and worship gatherings is raised for indoor gatherings to 25% of capacity of the indoor space or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is smaller, and to 150 people for outdoor gatherings, provided in each case that appropriate safety and social distancing measures shall be employed. For any such gathering where participants remain in vehicles with windows closed and at least six (6) feet of space between vehicles, there shall no numerical attendance limit, provided all other laws are complied with."

These guidelines are intended to assist communities of faith who choose to gather in-person within the limitations set by the Executive Order, and to implement practices that best protect the health and safety of their congregants and the public. They were created through a collaborative effort between the clergy and health experts. Finally, these guidelines do not relieve one of any obligations to follow other orders, rules, laws and regulations.

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery/Guidelines-for-Houses-of-Worship_FINAL.pdf>

## Use of Outdoors for a Church Service – Administrative Safeguards

1. **Seating**: Seating for outdoors vespers has been marked as such to allow social distancing.
	1. Please do not remove any markings as it will be spaced 6ft apart all around.
	2. Please bring your own chairs and place them on the designated markings on the ground.
2. **Social Distancing**: Please be mindful and respectful of others by maintaining at least a 6 ft distance from other families.
3. **Face coverings**: Participants and attendees of outdoor service are asked to carry a face covering with them at all times and use them based of the following:
	1. Face coverings must be worn at all times, except when:
		1. When walking outside the building and 6ft distance from another person is possible.
		2. When there is a medical or safety condition preventing the individual in using a face covering.
		3. Children under 2 years old.
	2. Please be mindful and considerate of the safety of the people around you.
		1. If you see an individual who is wearing a mask and you are approaching to talk with them, please put your mask on also.
		2. If you see an individual who is asking you or signaling to maintain a distance, please maintain a 6 ft distance.
		3. If you realize that while socializing with other people all of a sudden, the space gets crowded and you are not at least 6 ft distance from each other, please take out your mask and wear it.

## Bathroom Use Only

1. There will be designated entrances to the building and signs identifying the path of traffic direction in entering and exiting the building.
	1. We request that you follow these directions.
	2. You will not exit the way you entered the building.
2. There will be designated areas in the building taped for no access. Please do not enter areas that are cordoned off and limit your path of travel within the building.
3. Antiseptic wipes will be available in the bathrooms for individuals to wipe clean any surface they may have used in the bathroom.
4. Water fountains will be disabled and identified as such.
5. Touchless soap dispensers, touchless paper dispensers, and touchless faucets will be installed in both bathrooms in the church building.