

**REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT HIGHLANDS ARP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
***BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2020***

**GENERAL**

- Church leadership desires and feels obligated to employ reasonable procedures that will ensure the health and safety of the Highlands family as best we can during this pandemic. As such, what follows are **not guidelines but represent requirements** for reopening in-person worship at HPC.
- If you are not feeling well, have flu-like symptoms, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the previous two weeks, or you are uncomfortable with any of these documented requirements; please stay home and worship on-line with us.
- All attendees must wear a face mask (shield is not sufficient) and use hand sanitizer upon building entry.
- No Sunday School class or Children's Church will be conducted for any age group. Children should remain with parents at all times.
- Worship seating – technologically set up for live streaming and social distancing – is available in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and the Youth Room. For parents whose children may get restless, three other classrooms (one family each) are reserved and set up for live-streaming capability.

**PRE-WORSHIP SUNDAY**

- By **Friday of each week**, register planned attendance (reserve your seat) on-line or call the church office (similar to process used for small group Communion services). Reservation should include number of adults and/or children who plan to attend.
- Each Sunday, please plan to **arrive at least 15 minutes before worship** begins at 10:00 AM. Building entry will be available beginning at 9:30 AM.

**SUNDAY ARRIVAL**

- A greeter will confirm your family/group reservation and your attendance (for contract tracing *only*). Attendees also will be asked to respond to a series of health questions.
- Another greeter will check the temperature (with touchless thermometer) of each person in family/group. If **all family/group members** have a temperature **less than 100.4 degrees**, an usher will escort them to a worship venue where seating is socially distanced.
- If **any one member** of a family/group has a temperature of **100.4 degrees or higher**, the **entire** family/group will be taken to a quiet room for a recheck. After a short period, if his/her temperature drops **below 100 degrees**, an usher will escort entire family/group to a worship venue where seating is socially distanced.
- If the family/group member's temperature does **not drop below 100 degrees**, the **entire family/group** should return home and perhaps consult a medical professional.

**BUILDING ENTRY & EXIT**

- All worship attendees must wear face mask (shield is not sufficient) and use hand sanitizer.
- Maintain social distancing whenever possible.
- Once seated in worship venue, please remain there quietly and prepare your hearts for worship.
- After worship, please follow any exiting directions and refrain from clustering in hallways.
- Greet and visit with friends and fellow worshippers, but please do so outside if possible.

*The Session has prayed, discussed, and evaluated pertinent aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and we further recognize that some of these in-person worship requirements may be burdensome for some. We do hope that everyone understands that we believe these procedures provide the best protection for all the Highlands family.*