

## RETURNING TO CHURCH - PHASE TWO – TUMC

# WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN RETURNING TO CHURCH



As we prepare to come back to worship, the staff and leaders of our congregation have been making preparations for a safe and gradual return. Since we continue to be concerned for the most vulnerable among us, we are taking every precaution to minimize the possibilities of infection and contamination. As you come to worship, consider the following:

- 1. If you are not feeling well, seek medical attention. Please stay home.**
  - If we suspect someone with symptoms of COVID-19, we must report suspected cases and send people home.
  
- 2. For outdoor worship: in case of inclement weather, we will move indoors. If this happens, you will be notified ahead of time. Please use your discretion if you decide to join us.**
  
- 3. We are committed to conforming with the Massachusetts Safety Standards for Places of Worship, or then-existing equivalent. This is what you can expect for Indoor and Outdoor Worship starting July 8:**
  - Ushers will be monitoring the number of attendees. They have been asked to guide those who come, indoors and out. Please follow their directions. You will be screened with a thermometer by an usher as you enter the building.
  - Attendees who are not part of same household must sit six feet apart. There are pews which have been blocked off with blue tape and will be kept empty to allow for sufficient distancing. Ushers will guide you to your seating.
  - Entrances, exits and directions will be clearly marked with signs/banners.
  - We will have a very limited number of chairs available during outdoor worship, so please bring your own lawn chair.
  - The sanctuary will be open for those who want to come in to pray or meditate.
  - ONLY the two bathrooms on the main floor will be available.
  - All soft furniture, Bibles, hymnals, etc., have been put away. Non-sharable/non-reusable bulletins/programs will be distributed during worship, except for Wednesday, July 8. Please take the bulletins home to recycle.
  - We will have individualized communion cups with juice and bread/wafer. Gluten-free will also be available.
  - We are asking the congregation not to sing during worship.
  - We are asking attendees not to hand-shake, elbow-greet or fist-bump.
  - Everyone must wear face covering. Although children under five are not required to wear face covering, but for their safety, we suggest they do. Persons who refuse to wear masks because of medical condition shall not be required to wear it. However, we may refuse entry to other persons who refuse to wear face covering.
  - Unfortunately, there will be no mingling, fellowship, or coffee hour.
  - We will sanitize the sanctuary, before and after worship.