



First United Methodist Church - Brighton & Whitmore Lake: Phased Reopening

Staff and church leadership to implement as determined by guidance from public health agencies; federal, state and local unites of government; and denominational leaders.

Activities in each phase of reopening are illustrative and not determinative; phases follow those outlined in MI Safe Start Plan.

PHASE(S)	1 & 2 Uncontrolled Growth & Persistent Spread	3 Flattening	4 Improving	5 Containing	6 Post-Pandemic
General Guidance from MI Safe Start Plan	All persons shelter at home Essential work only	Continued distancing Masks required No gatherings Vulnerable persons shelter at home. ⁱ	Continued distancing Masks required Small gatherings (up to 10) Vulnerable persons continue to shelter at home.	Continued distancing Masks required Increased gathering size (up to 50) Vulnerable persons continue to shelter at home.	Enough community immunity & treatment availability: Events and gatherings of all sizes with new safety guidance and procedures
Worship ⁱⁱ	Online worship only Recorded from homes	Online worship only Recorded from homes	Online Worship Outdoor worship, physical distancing, masks required. Gathering with family/friends at home for worship, 10 or less, while following all health and safety guidelines.	Online Worship Outdoor worship, physical distancing, masks required. Indoor worship, limited attendance, physical distancing, masks required. No congregational singing	Online worship continues Indoor worship with new safety guidelines and procedures
Music Ministry ⁱⁱⁱ	Online choir and praise band rehearsals Recorded from homes for worship	Online choir and praise band rehearsals Recorded from homes for worship	Online choir and praise band rehearsals Recorded from homes for worship	Online choir and praise band rehearsals Recorded from homes for worship In person hand bell rehearsals, physical distancing and masks required.	In person rehearsals for choir, praise band, and hand bells with new safety guidelines and procedures.

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Children, Students & Family Ministries	Online Only	Online Only	Online Outdoors, physical distancing, mask required, 10 or less.	Online options continue In person in building, physical distancing masks required. Outdoors, physical distance, masks required, 50 or less.	Online options continue In person with new safety guidance and procedures
Missions	Online Collection of essential items employing physical distancing and masks required.	Online Collection of essential items employing physical distancing and masks required.	Outdoors, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less Limited indoors (individually or with family groups), masks required, social distancing.	Outdoors, physical distancing masks required. In person in building, physical distancing, masks required, 50 or less.	In person with new safety guidance and procedures
Funerals	Zoom presence with family at funeral home	Zoom presence with family at funeral home At gravesite, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less.	Clergy present with family at funeral home or gravesite, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less.	In church building or other venue, physical distancing, masks required, 50 or less; live streamed or recorded for additional worshippers.	In person with new safety guidance and procedures
Weddings	Postponed	Outdoors, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less.	Outdoors, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less.	In church building or other venue, physical distancing, masks required, 50 or less; live streamed or recorded for additional worshippers.	In person with new safety guidance and procedures
Baptisms	Postponed	Outdoors, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less. Recorded and included in virtual worship.	Outdoors, physical distancing, masks required, 10 or less. Recorded and included in virtual worship.	In church building or other venue, physical distancing, masks required, 50 or less; live streamed or recorded for additional worshippers.	In person with new safety guidance and procedures.

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Bible Studies and Classes Committee Meetings Groups from the community	Online Only	Online Only	Online Outdoors with physical distancing and masks required in groups less than 10.	Online options continue In person in building, physical distancing, masks required, 50 or less.	Online options continue In person with new safety guidance and procedures.
Building/Office Recovery Groups	Closed Staff works from home Essential functions only on-site	Closed Staff works from home Essential functions only on-site Recovery groups of 10 or less with strict guidelines (physical distancing and masks required)	9 a.m. - noon, Mon -Fri. All transactions at the main office, please call ahead. Staff works primarily from home. Recovery groups of 10 or less with strict guidelines. Physical distancing and masks required in all public spaces and group interactions.	Limited hours, 9 a.m. to noon, M-F All transactions at the main office, please call ahead. Staff continue to work from home whenever possible. Outside groups with strict guidelines. Physical distancing and masks required in all public spaces and group interactions.	Expanded hours. New safety guidance and procedures.
Samaritan Counseling Center	Online only	Online only	Counseling groups of 10 or less with strict guidelines. Physical distancing and masks required in all public spaces and group interactions.	Counseling groups of 10 or less with strict guidelines. Physical distancing and masks required in all public spaces and group interactions.	In person with new safety guidance and procedures.

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i Vulnerable persons include the following:

- Elderly individuals (CDC defines as age 65 and older)
- Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy. *Source:*

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

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