

Church Family,

We wanted to update you regarding Executive Order 20-81 which requires that face masks be worn in public indoor spaces. This includes all activities and services in the building at Community Alliance Church. <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-81.pdf>

We are aware that for some of you this news is frustrating while at the same time for others this news is welcomed. No matter where you fall on the mask or no mask debate, we want to encourage you not to let this be a distraction and get in the way of gathering in unity for worship.

We encourage you to bring your own mask. If you do not have one, we do have a limited supply of disposable masks that will be available at the entry, that way no one will be left out of worship due to the mask requirement. If you are someone who has made homemade masks and wants to share them with the congregation, we invite you to bring them on Sunday.

We do understand that some individuals are exempt from the mask requirement. If you are exempt, you will not be required to wear a mask. (Children under age 5, Those with health conditions preventing them from doing so, while communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing, etc.). A complete list of exemptions can be found by reading the Executive Order. <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-81.pdf>

Included is the updated plan for worship and activities at Community Alliance Church.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact Pastor Matt, Elders, or Administrative Board members.

Blessings,

Community Alliance Elders and Administrative Board.

The Plan:

- We will continue with a virtual and radio service for those who cannot or wish not to attend.
- Masks are required in accordance with Executive Order 20-18 which requires that face masks be worn in public indoor spaces. <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-81.pdf>
- In accordance with the CDC and MN Department of Health guidelines our services will operate at 50% fire code capacity.
- Our services will be at 8:15 am and 10:45 am. This will give time for cleaning to be done between services.
- It is uncertain how many cautious and at risk will choose not to attend. If it becomes clear a third service is needed, we will add one.
- Children's church and nursery will not be offered.

Safety Precautions:

- If you are sick or have had exposure to COVID 19 you need to stay home.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Before attending please review these self-screening questions with your family: ***Do you have a fever? Chills? New cough? Shortness of breath? New sore throat, muscle aches, or headache? Have you experienced a loss of smell or taste?***
- If you are part of an at-risk population, we strongly urge you to stay home.
- We will continue to social distance by staying 6 feet apart from other family units.
- To reduce congestion we are continuing the south doors to the sanctuary (*emergency exits*) for entering and exiting the church. The whole parking lot will be available for parking.
- We will have bulletins to pick up on a table. They will not be handed out as we want to limit the number of people handling them. Please take the bulletin with you or throw away when done using it. Also, we now have our app ready for download! [Apple App Download](#) [Android App download](#) [Other Download](#)
- We do apologize, doughnuts and coffee are not allowed during this phase of reopening.
- Hand sanitation stations have/will be added, please use them. We encourage you to continue healthy handwashing habits.
- The offering plate will not be passed, instead, we will continue with online giving and have added touch-free drop boxes at the entrances to the sanctuary.
- Between each service, we will sanitize and clean the church.
- Water fountains and coffee carts have been removed or disabled.
- Entry-exit doors, classroom doors and bathroom doors that have multiple stalls will all be propped open