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## **Crooks Memorial UMC In-Person Worship Guidelines (Condensed)**

All who attend an in-person worship gathering must agree to abide by the following guidelines. These guidelines help ensure everyone's safety as we strive to continue to love our neighbor and do no harm. If you would like to view the entire CMUMC In-Person Indoor Worship Guidelines, please contact the church office.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Healthy Church Team or Pastor Lisa.

**All necessary forms are located on the Church Website ([www.crooksmemorialumc.org](http://www.crooksmemorialumc.org)) under the "In-Person Worship" Tab in the upper right corner.**

### **By Each Wednesday Before You Plan to Attend In-Person Worship**

- RSVP attendance between the Monday and Wednesday prior to the Sunday you plan to attend. Complete one online RSVP form per household or "pod" no larger than two households. A pod is defined by households who are regularly in contact with one another and have agreed to safe COVID practices. If you cannot complete the online form, RSVP by calling the church office.

### **By Each Friday Before You Plan to Attend In-Person Worship (Optional)**

- Complete a Health Acknowledgement Form online. Doing so will expedite your time at the Welcome Station. If no form is completed, you will be asked the questions upon your arrival.

### **On the Day of the In-Person Worship Service**

- **Health of Those Attending**  
Please monitor the health of your household. Has anything changed since you registered your attendance? If you are feeling ill or are experiencing 2 or more COVID related symptoms, please stay home from in-person worship and join us online.
- **Arrival**
  - Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before worship.
  - Please leave one space between each car when parking.
  - Once parked please leave all food and drink in your car.
  - Maintain social distancing (6ft) at all times from the moment you leave your vehicle until you re-enter your vehicle. This means no greetings that involve physical contact.
  - Proceed to the Welcome Station (blue tent) located in front of the narthex doors. Please read and respond verbally to the health questions on the sign to affirm or ensure no changes since completion of your Health Acknowledgement Form.

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- An electronic bulletin will be available on the website and emailed ahead of time for you to print and bring with you. There will be a limited number of paper bulletins for households if you would like to use one.
  - Please wear your mask (*at least 2 layers of fabric thick*) covering your nose and mouth, from the time you leave your vehicle until the time you re-enter your vehicle. You may remove your mask briefly to partake in communion as directed. Exception for masks only applies to 2 year olds and under. All others must adhere to wearing a mask.
- **Entering/Exiting Worship Service Area**
    - After stopping at the Welcome Station, you will be directed to the narthex doors. These are the only doors you may enter.
    - An offering plate will be located in the narthex for you to place your tithe/offerings before or after the service.
    - Ushers will guide you into the sanctuary, and to a designated pew.
    - Once you have arrived at your seat please stay in your space. We will not be able to congregate together to catch up before, during, or after this service is held. Six feet distance is necessary at all times.
    - At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated until dismissed by an usher.
    - Please follow the guidance of the pastor and ushers to depart the worship space and the building.
    - We ask that you not gather in the parking lot for an extended length of time. We understand that you may wish to fellowship momentarily and if so, mask coverings and social distance is still required.
  - **During In-Person Worship**
    - Individuals are to remain in the area of the sanctuary with the exception of using the restroom.
    - The breezeway restrooms will be available for one person/household at a time.
    - Water fountains are not in use.
    - There is to be no singing. Hymnals will be available to follow along with the words. Hymnals and Bibles are to be used only by one household and not shared.

#### **After In-Person Worship**

- Please immediately notify the Pastor if after attending an in-person worship or gathering you develop 2 or more symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID, or discover you were exposed to COVID prior to attending in-person worship. Please avoid contact with others and seek medical attention.