

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church COVID-19 Reopening Policy

In order to promote public health and protect the vulnerable, St. Andrew's seeks to minimize the risk of the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus among St. Andrew's employees, congregants, renters, and visitors, the Session adopted the following policy. This policy is consistent with those established by the State of Oregon and by Multnomah County. Should the government policies become more restrictive than ours, then the government policy will supersede ours. Each group requesting use of our building and grounds must submit our COVID-19 Gathering Plan Form for complying with this policy. Renters and other external groups must also submit our standard Building Use Agreement. Your plan must be approved by our COVID-19 Task Force and the church administrator before permission will be granted.

Vermont Hills School

- This policy does not apply to Vermont Hills school staff, students, parents, or visitors. Vermont Hills is operating under policies that follow state and county guidelines and have been reviewed by the Session.
- Individuals not associated with Vermont Hills school should not enter rooms used by the school without explicit prior approval by Vermont Hills staff during school hours or church staff when the school is not open.

Entrance to the building

- Anyone who is sick or who has had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days should not enter the building. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (including, but not limited to, fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, or loss of smell or taste) should stay home. International travelers should wait 14 days after returning to the USA before entering the building.
- The building occupancy for meetings and other group gatherings is restricted to the following.
 - Sanctuary + Narthex – 75 individuals (*during the service, all doors to the sanctuary and all narthex doors (exterior and to the hallway) should remain open.*)
 - Narthex – 50 individuals *when the sanctuary is not in use.*
 - Chapel – 18 individuals
 - Quilting Room – 6 individuals
 - Lounge remains closed to the public.
 - Friendship Hall – 75 individuals
 - Outdoor gatherings are limited to 100 individuals
- Entrance must be scheduled with the office manager, Cynthia, to prevent having too many people present.
- Primary access will be via the door on the north side of the building near the main office. Participants for approved gatherings in the narthex or sanctuary should use the designated outside door to the narthex, and participants going to Friendship Hall should use the adjacent hall door.
- Hand sanitizer will be located at the entrance, and all who enter are asked to sanitize their hands upon entry. A sign-in sheet will be located by the door to log when each person enters and leaves the building. There will be separate containers for clean and used pens.
- Participants for approved gatherings in the chapel may enter via the designated outside door to the chapel if a sign-in sheet and hand sanitizer are taken to that location.

Hygiene

Face coverings (e.g., cloth or surgical masks; not plastic face shields) are required in indoor spaces for everyone 5 years or older when others are present and also outdoors when you can't keep 6 feet from others. They are not required when working alone in an office or for a solitary speaker at the pulpit. Individuals should bring their own face coverings. A limited number will be available if needed.

- St. Andrew's will not require Proof of Vaccination to participate in church activities, as long as the above guidelines are consistently adhered to by all, including those who are fully vaccinated. We will not permit "Fully Vaccinated Only Sections" as an alternative to this rule.
- Handwashing is encouraged.
- A minimum distance of 6 feet should be maintained between individuals. Additional space is recommended for longer gatherings and is required if a possible exception is granted for singing outdoors.
- All hard surfaces touched (doorknobs, handrails, light switches, keyboards, computer mice, microphones, the tops of metal chairs or pews, power switches, soundboard controls, shared equipment, etc.) must be sanitized before leaving the building.
- No sharing of food or drink. No use of the kitchen to prepare food, except for personal use by church staff. Only food and drink brought by an individual may be consumed by that individual. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis with appropriate precautions.
- Activities that increase transmission of aerosols and droplets from one's mouth to another person, such as group singing (except while wearing a mask during a worship service), loud talking, or playing wind instruments are prohibited.
- Sharing of papers, pamphlets, hymnals, etc. is prohibited except by members of the same household.
- Countertops, tables, brochure racks, etc. should be covered or cleared of nonessential items.
- Participants may only use restrooms designated on their approved Gathering Plan Form.

Religious services

- Religious services with attendance restricted as noted above will be allowed in the chapel and sanctuary.
- Greeters at the door will record attendance and perform wellness checks. Traffic flow and seating will be controlled to follow current distancing policies
- St. Andrew's Sunday worship services will have in-person and online participation. Sunday worshippers should pre-register on SignUpGenous.com.

Meetings and other gatherings

- Meetings, Bible studies, book groups, etc. should continue to be held online or by phone when feasible.
- Groups must submit a plan to our COVID-19 task force for how they will meet this policy before they will be given permission to gather in the building. The plan must be approved by the COVID-19 Task Force prior to meeting and is subject to necessary revision should our policies change.
- Seating should be spaced per social distancing guidelines, and tables with more than one person are prohibited. The chapel and Friendship Hall are the recommended meeting spaces for small groups to allow adequate social distancing.
- The room must be cleaned and sanitized by the attendees before and at the end of the gathering.

Main office

- The office will remain locked, even when staffed.
- No one is allowed into the main office unless authorized by a church staff member.

- No one is allowed on the other side of the counter in the office unless authorized by a church staff member.
- When more than one person is in the office, face coverings must be worn and social distancing maintained.
- Staff and volunteers are encouraged to continue working from home as much as is feasible.
- Use of office desks, phones, computers, copy machine, and other shared equipment is prohibited unless authorized by a church staff member. After such use, anything touched must be sanitized.

Active sports for ages 13 and up

- Low and medium contact sports may be allowed in Friendship Hall. Full contact sports are definitely not allowed.
- The PIL OSAA Safety Plan must be followed to the extent that it is applicable to the church. References to PIL staff and coaches will refer to the group's coach(es) and staff.
- On weekdays, entrance to the building will not be allowed until at least one hour after it is vacated by the staff and students of Vermont Hills preschool.
- Only participants are allowed in the building. Spectators and other visitors are not allowed.
- A log of answers to health screening questions must be completed. The group must provide its own thermometer for the required temperature checks.
- All doors to Friendship Hall must remain open for increased ventilation during the activity.
- The doors to the restrooms by Friendship Hall must remain open to avoid touching the handles. Only one person may enter a restroom at a time.
- If multiple groups of students or teams will be playing in one day, at least 30 minutes must be allowed between activities for room ventilation and sanitation. The first cohort of players and coaches must leave the premises before the second cohort arrives.
- The only exception for the 6-foot distance rule is for players in a game. The 6-foot distance must be maintained between coaches and players on the sideline.
- The court floor needs to be cleaned after each cohort of players. The church will provide supplies and instructions. The group is responsible for washing and returning the towels used for floor cleaning in a timely manner.
- Water breaks should be taken outside.

Follow-up

- We will save the sign-in sheets for use in contact tracing by local health authorities.
- This policy is subject to change at any time by the Session.