

Middletown United Methodist Church

Health Policies

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The Middletown United Methodist Church (MUMC) family, and especially the Leadership Team, has spent a great deal of time in prayer and careful consideration regarding how we will continue to serve our God and our neighbor in a safe and controlled manner when faced with a public health emergency. We want to share the Gospel and not illness.

At all times we must continue to practice public health safety: washing hands frequently and covering up to cough and/or sneeze as examples. **If you are not feeling well, please stay home and join remotely.** MUMC will continue to livestream all worship celebrations and as feasibly possible small groups and team meetings will have virtual options.

It is important to understand that, while you may feel you are not at risk of catching or spreading any cold, illness, virus, etc., the person next to you may be at risk. Again, we want to share the Gospel and not an illness. To that end, the back pew on the left of the sanctuary will be reserved for those who choose to wear a mask and/or to sit with others who choose to wear a mask. Social distancing will be maintained in that section.

If times of heightened illness return, as determined by our county/state/federal officials and/or by decision of the leadership team, there may be additions to these health protocols including but not limited to: requirement of mask wearing, social distancing, other personal protective equipment, sanitization of ministry spaces and anything else that the current health crisis calls for.

It is the Leadership Team of MUMC that will make all decisions regarding adjustments to these health policies. This policy is to remain in place until action by the Leadership Team or any equivalent body. All questions about this policy or subsequent policies should be directed to the Leadership Team. Any changes to the policy will be shared as soon as possible via the church website, social media, and weekly email distribution.