

## CCC Covid-19 Policies and Procedures for Worship Assembly – Updated June 15, 2020

This document outlines the policies and procedures agreed upon by Christ Community Church (CCC) elders and deacons. The leadership has undergone much research and effort to establish policies and procedures which will provide a safe environment for all who desire to worship as an assembly in our church building.

We recognize that a diversity of opinion exists in our community regarding how to respond to Covid-19. As leaders, we chose the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as the governing expert authority and source of information on how we may best gather as an assembly while protecting one-another from virus transmission<sup>1</sup>. We are also following the guidelines given by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire for places of worship<sup>2</sup>.

As leaders, we present these policies and procedures to prioritize the health and safety of people. We forward these policies and procedures in good conscience that we are doing the best we can to provide a worship environment that adheres to CDC standards and NH guidelines. With this in mind, we ask that everyone aspire to Christ-like attitudes, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

### CCC COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

#### Social distancing

A social distance policy of six feet is recommended while attendees are in the building. Members of the same household may remain together. Ushers will assist people with seating so we may maximize our capacity.

#### Planning for maximum seating capacity

Building occupancy is limited to 40 percent of our maximum permitted occupancy level while complying with social distancing guidelines.

- The church building's maximum occupancy is 600.
- The maximum sanctuary occupancy (including the balcony) is 300.
- The fellowship hall's maximum occupancy is 125.

#### Self-Screening of Attendees

All attendees will be informed of the symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the worship facility using signage. They signage asks people not to attend if they have the following symptoms or conditions.

Symptoms:

- i. Fever (feeling feverish or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher);

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/2020-05/guidance-worship.pdf>

- ii. Respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath;
- iii. Whole-body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue;
- iv. Changes in sense of taste or smell.

#### Conditions

- v. Been in close contact with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- vi. Traveled in the past 14 days internationally, by cruise ship, or domestically on public transportation.

#### Sanitizer

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers is available at entrances and exits of the church.

#### Traffic Flow

A one-way flow of traffic will be used for entering and exiting the building. Attendees will enter through the silo and enter the sanctuary through the foyer doors (see maps figure 1). Should attendees need to leave before the end of the service, they will exit the door to the front of the sanctuary that leads to the fellowship hall and exit using the south entrance door near the bathrooms (see maps figure 2). At the end of the service, the ushers will dismiss by household groupings to help ensure social distancing is maintained. Should attendees need to go to the restroom, they will need to exit the door to the front of the sanctuary that leads to the fellowship hall. They will reenter the sanctuary using the rear door located in the fellowship hall. While in the fellowship hall and bathroom hallway, people should avoid close contact (*see maps figure 3*).

#### Role of Ushers Redefined

The ushers will provide guidance with social distancing and traffic flow. The role of usher is to provide direction for entering, seating, and exiting (see maps figure 4). Because ushers are in most contact with the attendees, we will restrict those who are higher-risk from serving. We ask that while in the building, you follow their direction.

#### Face Coverings - Masks

Attendees should wear a cloth face covering to help protect against the spread of the virus. A large portion of our church population have a higher-risk of severe illness should the contract COVID-19. Therefore, we are enacting the policy of *requesting and encouraging* all attendees to wear a face mask while in the building. Children under the age of five are exempt. The removal of the face mask while seated is permissible.

Ushers are required to wear face masks while serving.

#### No congregational singing

The primary means of spreading Covid-19 is the transmission of respiratory droplets. It is believed that keeping the six-foot social distance is sufficient for ordinary speaking. However, the act of singing increases the projection distance of respiratory droplets (exhalation projectile droplet distance could exceed 20 feet). The act of singing is a more strenuous respiratory activity, which further enhances the likelihood of breathing in the respiratory droplets of others. The projection distance varies based on the person singing. Therefore, because singing requires a greater distance between people than ordinary speaking, the seating arrangement with singing will be far more restrictive than if we do not sing.

### *Live-Stream, video recording of the service*

We will continue to offer the Live-Stream video recording of our service for those unable to attend the public gathering. The stream will begin when the worship service begins.

### *Communion*

On the Sundays that we celebrate communion, households may bring cups, juice, and bread from home. The church will offer pre-packaged elements for distribution to each household.

### *Bathrooms*

Disinfectant wipes will be placed on the sinks in the bathrooms. We ask that if you use any toilet or faucet handles that you wipe the handles after with a disinfectant wipe.

### *Coffee / Food*

There will be no coffee or food service in the church building until further notice.

### *ABF, YBF, & Sunday School*

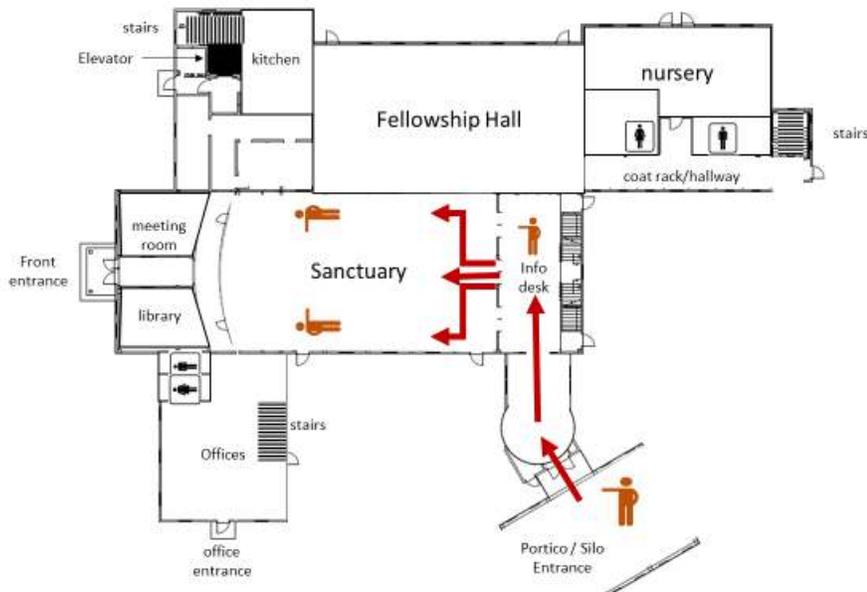
It is exceedingly difficult to maintain social distancing in any of the CCC classrooms. Therefore, there will be no classroom gatherings until further notice.

### *Nursery*

The nursery will be available for mothers needing immediate care of their child. Immediate care includes diaper changes, feeding, or quieting a child who is disruptive during the service. The mother using the nursery is asked to wipe all surfaces she touches with disinfectant wipes after she is finished in the nursery.

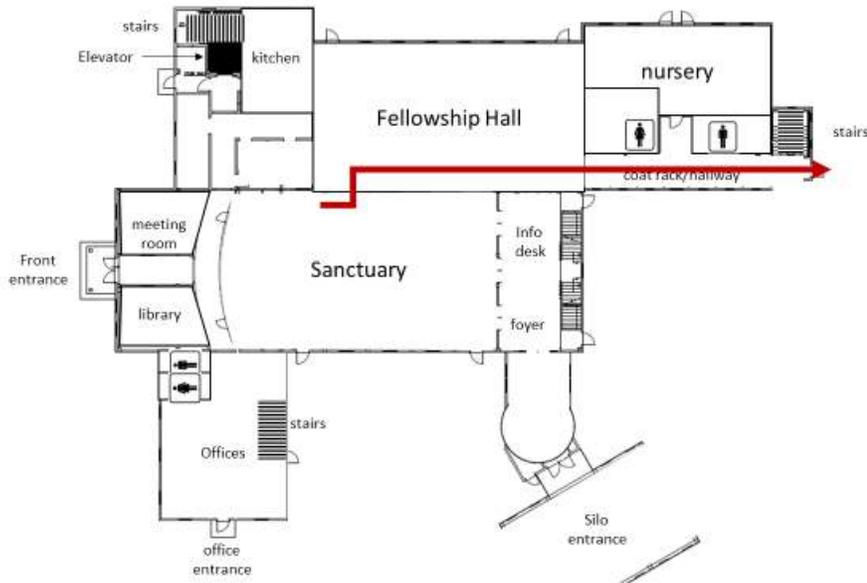
# Maps

*Figure 1 – entrance traffic flow*



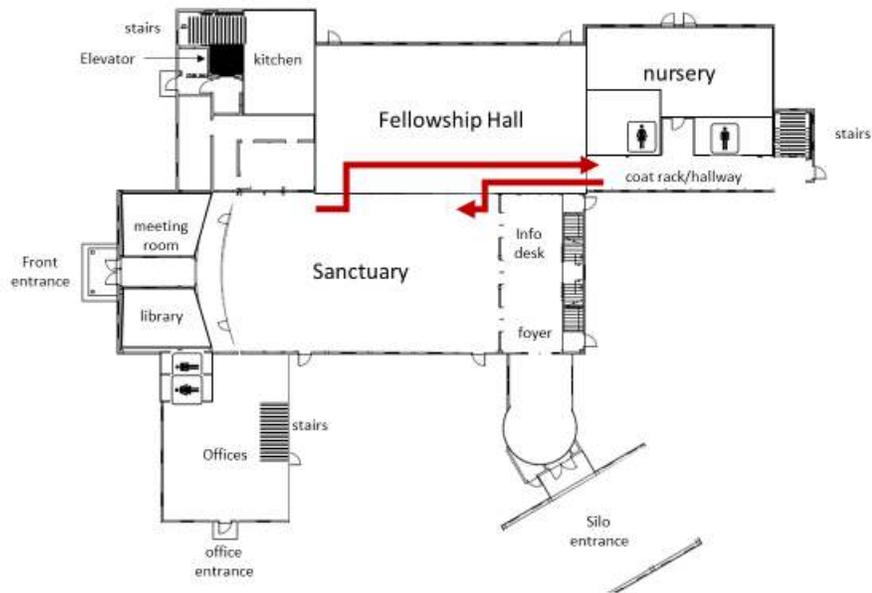
**Figure 1: Entrance Traffic Flow**

*Figure 2 – mid-service exit traffic flow*



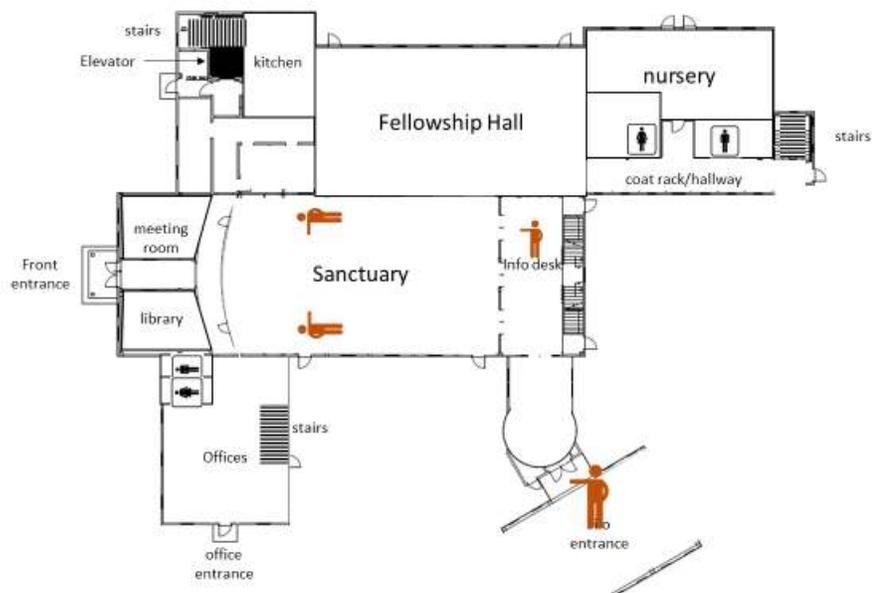
**Figure 2: Mid-Service Exit Traffic Flow**

*Figure 3 – restroom traffic flow*



**Figure 3: Restroom Traffic Flow**

*Figure 4 – location of ushers*



**Figure 4: Location of Ushers**