

The health and safety of all who enter PWUMC is paramount in making decisions regarding reopening following the Wesleyan principle of “Do No Harm.” In an effort to provide guidance as to the possible stages of reopening PWUMC, this document summarizes the plan in place as of its printing (see date below). Changes to this plan will be made as the COVID-19 situation progresses and new information and guidance becomes available. Movement through these phases may not be linear, and may in fact go backward as the health situation of our community changes. For more information about this plan and PWUMC’s efforts to keep those in our community safe, including cleaning protocols, please contact Lori Bogart, director of HR & Administration (lbogart@plattewoodschurch.org or 816-741-2972).



All Phases

- Movement through the phases of reopening will be guided by government orders and recommendations from health officials, and will be determined by the PWUMC Leadership Team
- Social distancing protocols currently in place must be observed (at this time, 6 feet)
- Face coverings are required
- Name and contact info for each person entering the building must be provided for contact tracing purposes
- Those in high-risk categories are discouraged from being in the church until it is determined safe
- Milestone Events (weddings, funerals, baptisms) may be held under strict guidelines



Phase One

- Church is open for business on a limited basis
- Worship remains online only
- Groups, classes and ministry meetings remain online only, or outdoors with social distancing
- The building will be open for limited office hours and staffing, with doors locked and visitors calling for admittance
- Outside groups will not be allowed to use the church facility
- PDO and Sunbeams Preschool are operating following strict adherence of requirements and guidance given by the Platte County Health Department



Phase Two

- Church is open, with a limit on gathering size
- Worship remains online only
- Smaller groups, classes and ministry meetings may be held in the church, with larger groups and those comprised of many high-risk individuals continuing online only
- Children’s & Youth Ministry programming will continue to be held online only or outdoors with social distancing
- The building will be open for limited office hours and staffing with front doors unlocked and a receptionist on duty at all times
- Outside groups will not be allowed to use the church facility



Phase Three

- Church is open with limits on gathering size unknown at this time
- Reintroduce in-person worship while maintaining all online services
- Worship practices that are difficult due to social distancing guidelines will be evaluated
- Groups, classes and ministry meetings may be held in the church, with larger groups and those comprised of many high-risk individuals continuing online only
- The building will be open for full office hours (M-F, 8-4:30) with flexible staffing
- Outside groups will be allowed to use the church facility at the discretion of church leadership

