

### **COVID-19 Guidelines for Sunday Worship and Hope Ministry Programs:**

Hope Church has resumed in-person services and ministry programs. We are grateful to be able to gather together again for worship. The health and safety of our congregation is a priority for us. We desire to create a safe and welcoming environment where people can be encouraged through worship and the hearing of God's Word. For this reason, we have laid out guidelines below, that we believe are necessary to be followed:

#### **Worship Experience:**

- No reservation or notification is needed to attend a Sunday Worship service.
- We have an adjusted seating plan to accommodate additional spacing for social distancing. We ask that family units sit together and leave 6 feet between other families and attenders.
- We have signs posted as needed and have hand sanitizers strategically placed throughout the building.
- Volunteers will be opening the doors for people to limit contact with surfaces.
- We ask that you refrain from shaking hands and limit congregating in our welcome area.
- We will have a designated place for you to drop off your offering or you can give online at [www.hopechurchmn.com](http://www.hopechurchmn.com)
- We have developed a deep cleaning strategy of our church building.

#### **Face Masks:**

For the safety of others, face masks are required indoors. We ask that you would please wear a mask inside the church building at all times, including during our worship services. Children five and under, as well as those with medical and health conditions, are exempt from wearing masks.

We know this might seem inconvenient, but this is an opportunity to place the needs of others (potentially at risk congregation members) as more important than ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4). Thank you for your help and understanding!

#### **Health and Safety**

- For everyone's safety, if you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home. Please assess your health and those of your family before arriving at church. Here is a link to a helpful guide to determine when you or someone in your family should stay home from activities:  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>
- We ask that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, or anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has COVID, please refrain from participating in Hope activities.

Please help us follow the CDC guidelines and recommendations that have been established. We will update these guidelines as needed. We encourage those who are high-risk to stay home and take part in the online services which we will continue to record and post on our YouTube Channel.

We look forward to what God has in store for us in the months ahead.