

## **COVID-19 Guidelines for Sunday Worship and Hope Ministry Programs (Updated June 2021):**

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 encourage family units sit together and leave spacing between other families and attenders.
- We have signs posted as needed and have hand sanitizers strategically placed throughout the building.
- We encourage attenders to 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:**

Face masks are no longer required to be worn during our worship services or for any gatherings at Hope. Masks are still welcome and provided for those who may feel more comfortable wearing them. As restrictions have been lifted, we want to continue to keep in mind Philippians 2:3-4 which calls us to, in humility, consider the needs of others over our own. Thanks for respecting the decision of those who choose to and those who choose not to wear masks.

### **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.

**Thanks for considering the needs of others as we gather for worship and other ministry events at Hope!**