

The Re-Entry Taskforce is prioritizing **health and safety** as we reopen our church in September. Based on the responses to the survey and the information we have at this time regarding Covid infection rates, these policies were created by our church leadership and adopted by our Church Council.

Because of the significant number of people who are attending worship services from outside the area, or who indicated they would prefer to stay online, or plan to go back and forth between online and in-person, we are planning for a hybrid worship option using Zoom.

These are our current plans and protocols for gathering safely in-person at Dumbarton Church starting Sunday, September 12.

1. Masks will be required in the church building for everyone over the age of 2. This will be revisited by the taskforce in October, and depending on Covid transmission rates and CDC guidance, this requirement may change.
2. We strongly recommend that anyone with symptoms of a communicable illness refrain from coming to the church building and instead worship with us online.
3. Social distancing is strongly recommended when possible inside the church building, and pews will be marked off in the sanctuary to ensure social distancing during worship.
4. We will not have capacity limits in the sanctuary or fellowship hall at this time.
5. We will have an onsite attendance registration system in place for Sunday morning worship in order to be able to do contact tracing if necessary.
6. Weather permitting, coffee hour in September will be outdoors, with limited pre-packaged refreshments. This is to prevent people congregating around serving tables, and to enable us to socialize outdoors without masks.
7. Childcare is available on Sunday mornings during Adult Education and Worship. Weather-permitting, children are allowed to gather OUTSIDE, masked up, on the playground during worship during the late summer/early fall months. They will be supervised by our paid, vaccinated and masked childcare workers.
8. All staff members are required to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and we strongly recommend that everyone else in our community who is eligible be fully vaccinated before returning to church.
9. In-person Sunday School is ON HOLD until further notice. There will be a monthly Sunday school class offered online for our elementary aged children.
10. In-person Youth Group gatherings will resume this fall. There will also be a designated youth space in the balcony during worship so that our youth may fellowship together.
11. Adult Ed will resume IN-PERSON on September 19th, 10:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. There will also be an option to join Zoom. Adult Ed will also follow general

church guidelines regarding social distancing and mask-wearing, and there will be no refreshments served.