



Procedures for Gathering Indoors

Document #4

We have enjoyed offering outdoor worship experiences since July 5. These have been a wonderful interim step in our attempt to navigate safe and meaningful times of worship for our community. We appreciate the work and dedication of the staff and servants who have enabled these services to be held outside. We are equally thankful for the technology that has connected our community since March, and will continue to provide these online worship experiences.

Lingestown Life intends to return to indoor worship on November 1, 2020. At this time, our plan is to offer worship experiences as follows:

Rockville Campus	8:30am Traditional	
Lingestown Campus	8:30am Traditional	10:00am Contemporary

Our schedule may be adapted as we see the levels of attendance and as we watch the community health status.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lingestown Life encourages all persons to consider not only their own health, but the health of others they may be worshipping alongside. It is imperative that if you do not feel well to please stay home to protect others. In addition, please stay home if you believe that you have been exposed to another person with COVID-19 in the previous 72 hours, regardless of whether or not you are symptomatic. If your health/age places you in a more COVID-19 vulnerable status, our online worship format may be the best fit for you until such time as the community spread of this virus has greatly diminished.

FACILITY

Lingestown Life will maintain all standards of safety and health throughout our facility. We will continue to follow the CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines so as to protect those gathering in our facilities.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Until our needed volunteer servants become more comfortable returning to the classrooms, we ask all children and youth to remain with their family/caregivers during worship starting on November 1. Worship services will be shortened and appropriate elements will be added for children so that they may be engaged during worship. Meanwhile, look for family friendly 'takeout' materials and online lessons until there are changes made to this plan. Details will be announced prior to their resumption.



RETURN TO INDOOR WORSHIP

When Linglestown Life returns to indoor worship at our Linglestown and Rockville campuses we will continue to offer worship online. We believe that online worship is essential for maintaining our commitment to our community of faith.

For those returning to indoor worship at our campuses the following policies will be in effect:

1. All persons age 2 and above **will be** required to wear a mask at all times in the building, even after being seated for worship. If you cannot wear a mask, we respectfully ask you to watch the service from your home. By wearing your mask, you are honoring the lives of others who are attending worship. Please remember that there will be others attending who will only attend if everyone is wearing a mask.
2. A host will check your temperature before entering the building. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 will be asked to return home. This practice is consistent with attendance at our outdoor youth events and with every student and parent who drop off children daily at our nursery school.
3. All persons will be asked to maintain physical distancing while at worship. In the sanctuary, pews will be marked so as to provide ample spacing. In the Family Life Center, seating options will be provided to maintain spacing. Of course, families will be encouraged to sit together so that we can maximize our capacity.
4. We will utilize specific entrances to enter and exit the facility for worship. All doors will be propped open to eliminate a touch point. Please follow the directions of your hosts at all times.

Please maintain physical distancing as you enter and exit the facility. All guests will be directed to use the hand sanitizing station upon entering and exiting the facility.

Rockville – Entrance will be on Sixth Street and Exit will be on Linglestown Road.

Linglestown Sanctuary – Entrance and exit will be from the front of the sanctuary, through the ramp door.

Accommodations at both campuses will be made for persons needing to use the elevator. Please speak to a greeter upon arrival.

Linglestown Family Life Center – Entrance will be on the east side, closest to the Main Entrance of the FLC, and Exit will be through the west side of the FLC.

5. Greeters will be stationed outside to welcome and offer direction to guests. Greeters will not be shaking hands, instead offering an alternative symbol of welcome (wave, placing your hand on your heart, bowing, etc.)
6. Ushers will assist guests to their seats and explain the seating arrangements.
7. Offering baskets will be placed at the doors to receive your gifts. We thank you for use of online giving options or by mailing your offering.



8. All Bibles and hymnals have been removed from the pews. Bulletins will be accessible online and also placed on the seats prior to worship.

9. Singing is a vital part of our worship. While we will continue to practice congregational singing, you **must** wear your mask and we encourage you to sing softly. You may also want to consider listening to and reflecting on the words being sung.

10. If able, please avoid using the restrooms. If you do need to use the restroom, please use the hand sanitizing products on the way in and out of the restroom.

11. There will temporarily be no food or coffee served at the campuses. We encourage you to bring your own drink, or snacks, especially for children.

12. Communion will be held on the first Sunday of each month. The elements are prepackaged and will be distributed prior to the service on individual chairs or pews.

Please be patient. As we return to indoor worship, some people will feel uncomfortable after spending so much time in isolation. Understand that everyone's experience will provide unique perspectives. Please consider the needs of others above your own.

And, as we have all learned during this time, flexibility is essential. As we progress through the weeks of gathering indoor for worship there may be variations to these policies, as needed. The key is patience.