

FACILITIES RE-OPENING PLAN
CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
COVID-19 PANDEMIC
July 2020

1. High risk individuals, whether staff, volunteers or program participants should continue to shelter in place.
2. Masks will be required to enter and be inside the facility. Masks will be made available to those persons who do not have one.
3. Social distancing is mandated. Persons attending will be required to maintain a social distancing buffer of six feet or more. Seating in the sanctuary will be limited to every other pew. Within the pews social distancing will be required except for family units.
4. Due to a higher risk of spreading virus particles, there will be no congregational singing during church services at this time.
5. All items will be removed from the pew book holders, including Bibles, hymnals, song books, choir books and stationary items (pens, paper, etc.)
6. No Sunday school or children's church activities will be held at this time. The church nursery will be available for use but will not be staffed by church personnel.
7. No bulletins will be printed or distributed. The order of worship and any other necessary information will be displayed on the sanctuary wall via PowerPoint.
8. Offering plates will not be passed at this time. There will be a designated area in the sanctuary where the offering plates will be located and monitored by the head usher. Congregants may place their tithes and offerings in the plates at any time before or after the church service, being careful to obey the social distancing guidelines. Mailing your contributions to Robyn Wampler will remain an option.
9. Hand sanitizer will be made available in several locations throughout the church facility, including inside the front entrance doors. All attendees are encouraged to utilize the hand sanitizer upon entering the building. A greeter will be available to aid in the dispensing of the hand sanitizer to reduce handling of the hand sanitizer dispenser.
10. The front entrance door and sanctuary doors will be kept open before and after the church service to minimize touching of the doors. The front entrance door and windows in the sanctuary will remain open when deemed appropriate to maximize air circulation.

11. The hand-held microphone will not be passed among the congregation for the sharing of announcements or joys and concerns.
12. There will be no choir or praise team practices or performances at this time. The directors of these groups will consult with Church Board before resuming activities.
13. There will be an orderly dismissal process at the conclusion of church services. Ushers will dismiss attendees by row, starting in the rear of the sanctuary. Congregants are urged not to remain in the narthex, but rather exit the building for any socializing.
14. If church leadership becomes aware of a person or persons who have been in the church building and who are infected with COVID-19, the congregation will be informed without providing name(s). Congregational leadership, including the Pastor and executive committee chairperson will cooperate fully with contact tracers.