Expanding In-Person Ministries
The leadership of Cornerstone is entrusted with the responsibility to care for the spiritual, relational, and physical needs of the church, recognizing that God has made her members with bodies, minds, and souls in need of care. In our current situation with Covid-19, we face the peculiar challenge of continuing to care faithfully for the spiritual and relational needs of the congregation while taking reasonable health precautions for the physical protection of the congregation.

For very good reasons, the practices and precautions taken by Cornerstone members concerning Covid-19 vary widely. We will continue to respect this variety among the Cornerstone family and will strive, where we can, to accommodate special requests and needs of Cornerstone members as we expand in-person ministry opportunities. That said, we recognize that no single policy will completely satisfy the desires of every member of the Cornerstone family. We further understand that each family will need to take time to read through the plan and act with a clear conscience before the Lord regarding participation of in-person ministries at Cornerstone at this time.

It is Cornerstone Presbyterian Church’s goal to expand in-person ministries at the chapel beginning Sunday, September 20th with the start of Sunday School. The session, staff, and ministry leaders have worked together to develop a reopening plan that strives to be consistent with our vision and mission as a church, seeking to prioritize both the spiritual and physical well-being of Cornerstone members.

As Things Change
The situation with Covid-19 is continuously changing, as are the protocols and measures needed to keep the Cornerstone family protected. Plans will remain fluid and flexible to accommodate potential changes and these guidelines may be modified as needed. As adjustments may be necessary throughout the rest of the year, it will be our priority to keep the Cornerstone family informed of those changes and updates.

Preparation for In-Person Church Functions
Families should pre-screen at home prior to coming to church. We strongly recommend a temperature and symptom check for all members of the household before attending any church in-person function.

Please ask and answer the following self-check questions below before attending an in-person church function at Cornerstone. If you answer yes to any of these questions, please do not attend an in-person church function at this time.

- Have you been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have you had a fever (100.4 degrees or more) in the last 48 hours?
- Have you had a new loss of smell or taste?
- Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

**Tested Positive or Close Contact to COVID-19**
Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 should not attend any church function (including in-person worship) until 10 days have passed since symptoms began, they are 24 hours fever free (without using fever-reducing medication), and symptoms have improved.

Anyone who lives with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 or has close or direct exposure (less than 6’ for 15 minutes or more) with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to quarantine for a minimum of one week to see if symptoms develop. If symptoms do not appear within the week, you are welcome to attend any in-person church function. If symptoms do appear, please get tested for COVID-19 and refrain from attending any in-person church function until you receive the results. If you test positive for COVID-19, the guidelines stated in paragraph 1 are to be followed. If you do not test positive for COVID-19 but have symptoms, we ask you to refrain from attending any in-person church function until symptoms improve.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have attended an in-person church function within the last week (7 days), we kindly request that you contact the church office.

**Face Coverings and Social Distancing**
Face coverings will be optional for in-person ministries unless otherwise stated. Those who desire to wear a face covering are welcomed and encouraged to do so. The church will maintain a limited supply of masks on the premises.

We will strive to maintain a reasonable amount of social distance within the spatial constraints of the church facility for in-person ministries. For the time being, we ask that you not gather in groups in hallways or small spaces (narthex, staircase landings, etc.) and be respectful of social distancing recommendations.

**Use of Classrooms**
As we expand in-person ministry at Cornerstone, we recognize the limitations and spatial constraints of the classrooms for Sunday School classes and other meetings. Therefore, particular ministries will have specific guidelines for how they will use the space with the above guidelines in view.
**Guidelines for Nursery**

All parents must register for nursery when they register for the Sunday morning service. The nursery will be available at the 8am and 10:45am services as well as 9:45am for Sunday School.

Upon arrival, the parent will sanitize their hands and the child’s hands with provided sanitizer. The volunteer will check the parent’s temperature and the child’s temperature with a touchless thermometer. The temperature of volunteers will also be checked when they arrive. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 or more will not be allowed in the nursery.

The parent will give the child to the volunteer or else the volunteer will open the nursery door to let the child walk in. The parent should not open the door or come into the nursery. No older siblings are allowed to come in the nursery.

The volunteer will sign your child into the nursery. Please wait to get your child’s name tag before leaving.

Face masks are optional for volunteers but are encouraged as long as it doesn’t upset the children under their care.

A family with any sickness in the house should not bring their child into the nursery until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.

Volunteers will be disinfecting all toys. They will be paying close attention to when kids put toys in their mouth and will retrieve it and disinfect it before the toy is made available for use again.

Parents need to bring a sippy cup in the diaper bag with child’s name on it.

As stated in the Reopening Guidelines for Worship at Cornerstone on the church website, it is a parent’s decision to decide when they are ready to allow their child to attend the nursery. We are doing our best to make the nursery a safe and clean environment, but we cannot guarantee you or your child will not be exposed to the virus while at Cornerstone.
Guidelines for Elementary Sunday School

Children’s Sunday School check-in will be outside the basement door in the rear of the church. Parents will check-in children, and then only children will enter in through the basement door. One Sunday school teacher from each classroom will stand at the door to receive children during the check-in period. Parents will pick up children in the same location. In case of inclement weather, we will keep the check-in table inside at the foot of the basement stairs, and we will require parents to wear masks as they wait to check in children on the stairs and in the foyer.

At the check-in table, parents will be asked the standard COVID exposure questions and take each child’s temperature before releasing them into their classrooms. Ministry workers will also ask volunteers to sign a COVID participation agreement form that essentially asks them to commit to monitoring closely their own health and the health of their families and reporting any COVID exposures to the church immediately.

Teachers and assistants can wear masks in the classroom if they choose to but are not required. However, they should wear masks while standing in the hallways to greet and dismiss students.

When possible (weather permitting), the 5th-6th grade students will meet on the patio outside the church during the Sunday school hour. The 5th-6th grade students do not need to be checked in (per our child safety policy), but parents and students will need to sign COVID participation agreement forms, committing to monitoring the health of their families and reporting exposures.

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Guidelines for Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday school will meet at Merridee’s Breadbasket. At the check-in table inside Merridee’s, students will be asked the standard COVID exposure questions and will have their temperature checked. Social distancing will be encouraged, and the wearing of masks will be optional for students and teachers.

After Sunday school, students may assist the youth leadership team in wiping down the chairs and tables with cleaning supplies that will be provided.

Other youth ministry functions that take place at the church, like the midweek youth meeting, students and volunteers will follow the two above guidelines.

All parents and students will need to sign the COVID participation agreement form, committing to monitor the health of their families and report exposures.

As stated in the Reopening Guidelines for Worship at Cornerstone on the church website, it is a parent’s decision to decide when they are ready to allow their child to attend Sunday School. We are doing our best to make the church a safe and clean environment, but we cannot guarantee you or your child will not be exposed to the virus while at Cornerstone.