

## **APPENDIX INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE WORSHIP**

As we slowly take steps to return to in-person worship, there are several procedures which we must follow to ensure we are as safe as possible. Some of these actions may seem onerous or even demeaning. We are acting, based on the best information we currently have, to allow everyone to have a meaningful worship experience and not be worried that they are taking unnecessary risks. The procedures listed below are subject to revision as conditions change:

All persons who wish to attend worship must register no later than four (4) days prior to worship by following the link on the Home page of the church website ([dranesvilleumc.org](http://dranesvilleumc.org)). One person in a family will be able to register the entire family. Any mobility challenges should be indicated on the form.

In addition to registration, all attendees must complete and submit a Health Acknowledgement Form (HAF), located on the Virginia Annual Conference website. A link to the HAF is on the church website. Attendees must identify the church (and District) where they wish to worship. Please remember that Dranesville UMC is in the Arlington District.

A worship bulletin will be sent electronically during the week prior to worship. Attendees may print the bulletin for their use or retain it on electronic devices. There will be no paper copies of the bulletin available at the church.

Before leaving for worship, each attendee is required to take their temperature. Anyone with a temperature exceeding 100.5 degrees may not attend. Anyone who is otherwise feeling ill should not attend.

Attendees will need to bring a folding chair, blanket or other object on which to sit. Chairs will not be available at the church.

The pastor, other worship leaders and all others present are required to wear a mask/face covering from the time they exit their vehicles until returning to them; with the exception of brief removal of the mask to partake of the Communion elements. Once the elements are consumed, masks should be placed back on.

Ushers are tasked with the enforcement of safety procedures (social distancing and wearing of masks). Please give them your full cooperation.

Each attendee is encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer. A contactless sanitizer station will be located at the entrance/exit of the worship space. Two more stations will be placed in close proximity to the Communion table.

Upon arrival at the entrance to church property, a parking usher will verify that all vehicle occupants are registered. Following verification, the driver will be directed to proceed to the next usher who will direct the driver to a parking space.

Vehicles will be parked at the direction of a parking usher to ensure adequate space between vehicles for social distancing.

Upon exiting the vehicle, all persons will proceed to the entrance of the worship space for seating. Prior to being ushered to a seating location, attendees will wait in a socially-distanced line.

Once taken to a seating area, attendees are required to remain in that area for the duration of the worship, with the exception of proceeding to the Communion table, at the direction of the ushers, to receive Communion elements. Attendees will be ushered from their spaces at the conclusion of worship.

An individual or family group of four (4) or less will occupy each seating area. To ensure proper social distancing, a family group of more than four will be split between two adjacent seating areas. The center of each seating area will be 10' from all other areas. Family groups with four members should arrange their chairs in a 2x2 square. Groups of three should form a triangle within the seating area.

There will be no vocal music during the worship.

Communion will be with prepackaged elements which consist of a small wafer/biscuit and small glass of grape juice. Each container has two seals - one each for wafer and juice. While care must be exercised in order to open the containers, most persons with normal manual dexterity will be able to open both seals. Any person who so desires is free to take the Communion container off site for later consumption.

The building will remain locked during worship. There will be no access to restrooms.

In the unfortunate event you or a family member who attends should subsequently test Positive for COVID-19, please notify the pastor or church office immediately.

If word is received that any attendee tested Positive, the rest of the attendees will be notified, following appropriate HIPAA guidelines. Such notification will probably come from the Health Department, along with other pertinent instructions.