

BRENTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REOPEN PLAN

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Since deciding to close our campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ministry has continued to happen in new and exciting ways, and our church community has been able to stay connected and engaged in the digital space. The Brentwood United Methodist Church Lead Team, Restart Task Team, and Advisory Team used many guiding principles to define each of these stages and the conditions for each ministry at each stage.

Those principles are:

- Caring well for our church family and community
- Staying in step with the CDC, WHO, Vanderbilt Medical Center, and other public health officials
- Loving one another despite difference of opinion
- Remaining flexible as new information becomes available

Our teams will make decisions about moving stages by reviewing available data, including significant changes in the community spread percentage, hospital capacity, and case number trends over a 7 to 14-day period.

The capacities defined in each stage are the upper limits for in-person participation while the church remains in that stage. Decisions may be made to lower the capacity for one or more categories without reverting back a stage depending on the given environment at such time.

We ask each of you in our community to share in this covenantal agreement for creating safe and healthy environments when we gather. Many of these measures are not solely intended for personal protection but also as acts of sacrificial love to care for those in our community who might not be able to protect themselves.

Those measures in place include:

- Those who are considered at risk are encouraged to stay safer at home
- Masks are required at all in-person gatherings
- COVID-19 screenings are required for all in-person gatherings
- Physically-distanced seating and standing required at all in-person gatherings

**In-person gatherings include those that meet off-campus, outside, or in our building.*

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STAGE ONE	STAGE TWO current phase	STAGE THREE	STAGE FOUR	STAGE FIVE
BUMC CAMPUS closed to the public	BUMC CAMPUS closed to the public	BUMC CAMPUS limited open hours	BUMC CAMPUS limited open hours	BUMC CAMPUS regular open hours
WORSHIP online only	WORSHIP gathering online + limited in person* (up to 125 people)	WORSHIP gathering online + limited in person* (up to 175 people)	WORSHIP gathering online + limited in person* (up to 200 people)	WORSHIP in person* + online
ADULT GROUPS online only	ADULT GROUPS gathering online + outside (up to 10 people)	ADULT GROUPS gathering online + in person* (up to 50 people)	ADULT GROUPS gathering online + in person* (up to 75 people)	ADULT GROUPS regular schedule
STUDENTS online only	STUDENTS gathering online + outside (up to 10 people)	STUDENTS gathering online + in person* (up to 50 people)	STUDENTS gathering online + in person* (up to 75 people)	STUDENTS regular schedule
KIDS online only	KIDS online only	KIDS limited nursery; K-5 th grade gathering online + outside	KIDS limited nursery; K-5 th grade gathering online + in person*	KIDS regular schedule
FUNERALS family only (up to 15 people)	FUNERALS family only (up to 50 people)	FUNERALS up to 125 people	FUNERALS up to 200 people	FUNERALS fewer restrictions
BAPTISMS family only (up to 15 people)	BAPTISMS family only (up to 25 people)	BAPTISMS family only (up to 25 people)	BAPTISMS family only + in worship	BAPTISMS in worship
WEDDINGS none	WEDDINGS up to 50 people	WEDDINGS up to 125 people	WEDDINGS up to 200 people	WEDDINGS fewer restrictions
STAFF working remotely	STAFF working remotely	STAFF working remotely + limited in building	STAFF working remotely + in building	STAFF regular office hours