

The Mission Church
Facility Usage Guidelines during the COVID Pandemic
November 18, 2020

During COVID, the amount of information being disseminated is staggering. Much of this info is conflicting. The purpose of this document is to clarify WHAT we, as The Mission Church, are doing and WHY we are doing it.

As you know, the number of new cases of the virus has increased dramatically in the past few weeks. Last Tuesday, November 10, the Governor issued a proclamation to tighten up restrictions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In response to her request, the TMC staff and Board decided that we would suspend in-person Sunday & Wednesday gatherings through December 2, 2020. This decision was made based on the proclamation Governor Reynolds issued on November 10, 2020. It was our collective desire to honor her reasonable request and to do our part to be good citizens of Iowa.

While we will not be gathering on Sunday morning for our worship service or on Wednesday evenings for AWANA through December 2, 2020, we wanted to clarify that some small groups WOULD be allowed to gather in our building without restrictions. These groups are allowed to do this because the Governor's proclamation states that regulations about masks and group sizes do not apply because these groups are spiritual or religious gatherings:

- Circles
- Life groups or other small groups
- Men's or Women's Bible Studies
- One on One Discipleship meetings
- Young Adults group
- Adult Bible Fellowship classes (only if for teaching, prayer, etc. Not for fellowship events)

However, the following group gatherings are NOT defined as religious gatherings and would be subject to the 15-person limit:

- Wednesday night meals
- Groups where the focus is fellowship and fun.

The leadership team of The Mission Church is constantly monitoring news reports and other information to determine if changes are required based on current circumstances. At this time, we do not know what will happen after December 2. But our leadership team will be meeting together and praying to determine how God is leading for our future.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our church office. We would be happy to speak with you, meet with you, and connect with you. If there is anything that we can do to serve you during this time, please let us know how we can help. Thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding. Thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward together in the confidence and hope that only Jesus provides.

Sincerely,

The Staff & Board of The Mission Church