

Central Presbyterian Church Pandemic Action Plan

This policy is modified from the Downingtown Area School District's Pandemic Action Plan to fit the needs of our congregation. In most cases we will follow the school district's level adjustment as they coordinate with the local and state health agencies. Additional information from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been incorporated. CPC's Emergency Response Team may adapt this policy as critical information becomes available.

Level 1: Monitoring

- Church open
- Increase sanitation practices throughout the building
- Increase food handling precaution (including Communion elements)
- Encourage those who are ill, medically-vulnerable, and those who have traveled to infected areas to stay home
- Emergency Response Team meets to coordinate preparedness plan
- Work with Pastors, Deacons, and other leaders to begin ways to care for the CPC community spiritually in a time of heightened anxiety, isolation, and increased illness
- Communicate plan to the congregation

Level 2: Limiting

- Church open for all CPC activities only (no outside users – reschedule as possible)
- Continue increased sanitation practices
- Further increase food handling precaution (only pre-packaged, single serve food used or food prepared in CPC's kitchen with Safe Serve practices, served by gloved servers)
- Begin encouraging non-essential ministries to postpone activities on their own to prevent community spread

Level 3: Postponing

- Church open only for worship, essential leadership functions (staff and boards), and preschool
- All non-essential meetings and gatherings postponed and rescheduled if possible
- Begin to find ways to gather using technology
- Encourage safe distancing in worship gatherings
- No food will be served

Level 4: Closing

- CPC building closed
- Staff and leaders work from home where applicable
- Institute modified worship service in online capacity