

PORTLAND MENNONITE CHURCH (PMC) PHASED REOPENING GUIDELINES Updated and Approved: April 13, 2021

At Portland Mennonite Church, we are actively striving to be a distinctively Christ-shaped community that is actively engaged in the compassion, shalom, and justice of the gospel. Consistent with our mission and in consultation with public health experts, PMC's Leadership Table has adopted these Guidelines to guide our decisions regarding church-sponsored in-person gatherings and facilities use during this time of global pandemic.

PMC's Phased Reopening Guidelines are intended to maintain the church's witness in the Hawthorne neighborhood and the broader city through an approach that seeks to "look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4). As detailed below, PMC will follow (at a distance!) the State of Oregon's Guidance Based on County Risk Level in order to reduce the possibility that our congregation will be part of a resurgence of the virus due to reopening too quickly, and/or to reduce the possibility (and inherent confusion) of moving back-and-forth among the phases outlined below.

PMC's Leadership Table has created a workgroup to review and make recommendations to the Table, which will have the final authority and accountability regarding issues related to these Guidelines. The workgroup is composed of:

- Rod Stafford (Lead Pastor)
- Britt Carlson (Pastor of Community Life and neighborhood liaison)
- Dave Johnson (Leadership Table Chair)
- Ed Shirk (Facilities Elder)
- Jesse Hostetter Kropf (Public Health Expert)

This workgroup will be responsible for:

- Reviewing Oregon's [County Risk Level Report](#) – biweekly
- Gathering relevant information from PMC stakeholders and others (e.g., public health experts, PMC core ministries, Ministerios Restauracion, Sunnyside Mennonite Montessori School) – as needed
- Reviewing PMC's Phased Reopening Guidelines and making recommendations to the Leadership Table regarding changes to PMC's status (e.g., moving from "High Risk" to "Moderate Risk"), the design of the guidelines, and/or extraordinary exceptions – monthly or as needed
- Communicating relevant information to the congregation and other stakeholders – monthly or as needed

EXTREME AND HIGH RISK

PMC will operate under this guidance when one or more of the counties in the Metro area (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington) are at Extreme or High Risk.

PMC is currently operating under High Risk.

Worship & Congregational Life

PMC's meetinghouse is closed to all groups and staff work from home as much as possible. All synchronous church activities take place online.

Faith Formation & Community Outreach

PMC-sponsored classes and workshops continue to take place online only. PMC-sponsored activities that take place outside of the meetinghouse (e.g., BLM protests) follow physical distancing and face covering rules.

MODERATE RISK

PMC will operate under this guidance when all three counties in the Metro area (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington) are at Moderate Risk.

Worship

In-person worship services are limited based on PMC's COVID-19 Facility Guidelines not to exceed 50 people (including pastors and staff), who will be required to sign-up prior to the service. Face coverings are required, and PMC's COVID-19 Facility Guidelines are in effect. Continue to stream all services.

Outdoor gatherings (e.g., Wildwood) follow physical distancing and face covering rules.

Congregational Life

The Lower Level and the Old Chapel is available for small group use (25 people max). Face coverings are required and PMC's COVID-19 Facility Guidelines are in effect (see attached).

Faith Formation & Community Outreach

PMC-sponsored classes and workshops continue to take place online only. PMC-sponsored activities that take place outside of the meetinghouse (e.g., BLM protests) follow physical distancing and face covering rules.

LOWER RISK

PMC will operate under this guidance after all three counties in the Metro area (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington) are at Lower Risk.

Worship

In-person worship services are limited based on PMC's COVID-19 Facility Guidelines not to exceed 100 people (including pastors and staff), who will be required to sign-up prior to the service. Face coverings are required, and PMC's COVID-19 Facility Guidelines are in effect. Continue to stream all services.

Outdoor gatherings (e.g., Wildwood) follow physical distancing and face covering rules.

Congregational Life

The Lower Level and the Old Chapel is available for small group use (50 people max). Face coverings are required, and PMC's COVID-19 Facility Guidelines are in effect.

Faith Formation & Community Outreach

PMC-sponsored classes and workshops continue to take place online only. PMC-sponsored activities that take place outside of the meetinghouse (e.g., BLM protests) follow physical distancing and face covering rules.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Sunnyside Mennonite Montessori School (SMMS) will operate following the guidance provided by Oregon Department of Education Early Learning Division and Oregon Health Authority in the most recent published version of the document [Health & Safety Guidelines for Child Care and Early Education Operating During COVID-19](#), including daily health screenings, physical distancing, mask wearing required for adults and encouraged for children, and daily cleaning/sanitizing of classroom materials and furnishings.