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Reopening Plan

The Clergy understand the significance of in-person fellowship and our church property to the spiritual health and well-being of our parish family and has developed the following Reopening Plan in an effort to balance our collective desire to worship with one another in person while, at the same time, exercising safe practices in light of COVID-19. By the adoption of this Reopening Plan, the Vestry specifically adopts and incorporates the Reopening Policy herein.

NB: If our friend COVID-19 has taught us anything, it is to be flexible. The following plan is intended to be flexible, i.e. plans could change due to infection levels, weather, parishioner interest, etc. If plans do change, those changes will be communicated via the Chapel's website, social media, and email.

The Chapel Property

Beginning **June 22, 2020**, the church property (outdoor only) will be open. Unfortunately, the playground must remain closed at this time.

When on the Chapel property as contemplated in this section of the Reopening Plan, parishioners must observe social distancing and may not congregate in groups which include individuals from outside the parishioner's household. The purpose of this section is to permit personal prayer and reflection. It does not permit parishioners to conduct group events on the property.

Individuals who have tested positive for the coronavirus within the last 10 days or have had unprotected exposure to someone who has tested positive within the last 14 days are specifically asked not to enter the Chapel property.

Drive In Service

(Weather permitting), beginning **June 28, 2020**, the Chapel will conduct two Drive-In Services. While the details of these services are in the works, parishioners will be permitted to drive to the Chapel, park in a designated area, and participate in a live worship service (from the air conditioned comfort of their vehicles!)

Parishioners may not leave their vehicles during the services and will be provided "one kind" (bread only) communion. During the distribution of the element, every parishioner over the age of 2 must wear a mask and must otherwise observe the policies set out in the Reopening Policy.

Reservations for a Drive-In Service are required. To make a reservation, please contact the Chapel via email at etiption@chapelofthecrossms.org or via voicemail at (601) 856-2593.

Outdoor Worship Service

(Weather permitting), beginning **July 12, 2020**, the Chapel will offer two outdoor, in-person worship services. These services will be similar to the worship service conducted following a Day in the Country, and will

require participants to BYOS (bring your own seating). Social distancing must be observed, and participants over the age of 2 must wear masks. Please refer to the Reopening Guidelines for more specifics about the requirements to participate at this service.

Accommodations will be made at outdoor worship services for the administration of the element during Holy Eucharist for those parishioners who prefer to participate from the comfort and safety of their vehicle.

Reservations for the outdoor worship service are required. To make a reservation, please contact the Chapel via email at etipton@chapelofthecrossms.org or via voicemail at (601) 856-2593.

Indoor Worship Service

Given the current guidelines published by the Bishop, indoor worship services will require significant volunteer hours and cooperation from our parish, so please be patient and willing to assist as needed to make these services run as smoothly as possible.

At this time, the Chapel intends to offer indoor worship services, as well as outdoor services, beginning **July 26, 2020**. Social distancing must be observed, and participants over the age of 2 must wear masks. Please refer to the Reopening Guidelines for more specifics about the requirements to participate at this service.

Reservations for the indoor worship service are required and seating is limited. To make a reservation, please contact the Chapel via email at etipton@chapelofthecrossms.org or via voicemail at (601) 856-2593.

Online Worship Services and Sunday School

Because it may not be safe or practical for all of our parishioners to attend in-person worship services, worship services will continue to be broadcasted via Facebook Live and/or another platform each week to permit virtual participation for those who cannot attend.

Additionally, the Bishop has not yet authorized in-person Sunday School or other in-person worship events. For that reason, we will continue to offer educational opportunities and social gatherings via Zoom and other social media platforms. Please watch our weekly communications for ways to commune virtually with your fellow parishioners and email etipton@chapelofthecrossms.org if you would like to learn more.