

Delran UMC - Reopening Plan Changes beginning May 20, 2021

Revised and approved by Delran UMC Church Council on Monday, May 17

Our goal is to spread the love of Jesus Christ while stamping out COVID-19. Please note that the situation with COVID-19 is constantly evolving and our plans may need to adjust accordingly.

Links to key information:

1. [Latest NJ state guidelines](#) on reopening
2. [Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of UMC](#) guidelines
3. [Previous Delran UMC reopening plan in full](#)

Previous Plan	New Plan as of 5/20/2021
General Health and Safety	
Those who have symptoms of illness or have been exposed to those who do are expected to stay home and join service online	Same
Unvaccinated individuals who have traveled beyond neighboring states are expected to quarantine 10 days before attending gatherings in person	There is no expected quarantine for domestic travel within the United States (current NJ guidelines). For international travel restrictions, consult CDC guidelines .
Masks are required at all church gatherings (current NJ guidelines)	Same
Social distancing of 6 feet or more expected (current NJ guidelines)	Same
Refraining from human contact (handshakes, hugs, etc)	Same
Windows/doors open as weather permits	Same
Temperature checks for each person by ushers	No more temperature checks
Wash hands or use sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building	Same
If you develop symptoms, test positive, or become aware of exposure, tell Pastor or	Same

church office	
Cleaning / spraying spaces after use	General cleanup will continue. Spraying disinfectant in the Sanctuary after services will cease. Smaller spaces (like Sunday School rooms) will be sprayed and cleaned after use.
Worship Services	
Sanctuary capacity: 40 people	Sanctuary Capacity: normal Sanctuary capacity for Sunday services, social distancing between households is expected.
Children stay seated during children's message	Children can move to front
Praise team (key instruments only)	Vocals may return to praise team (with masks)
Offering at box only	Same
Communion prepackaged	Same
Nursery and Sunday school available	Same
Pre-service check-in required	Advance Check-in not needed Check-in only during or after service
Use of other church spaces	
Sonshine Hall capacity: 35 people	Sonshine Hall Capacity: 70 people (approx 50%)
Parlor closed	Parlor Capacity: 12 people
Sunday school rooms closed	Sunday School Capacity: 8 people
Church offices restricted to staff	Church office open for normal use
Counting room open to designated counters only	Counting room open to all counters

Other DUMC ministries	
Youth meeting online only	Youth meeting in-person
Groups requiring use of facilities may meet (Quilters, Trustees)	All groups may return to meeting in person (small groups, Bible studies, etc). Meeting times are restricted to two hours.
Eating and drinking strongly discouraged	Eating and drinking are allowed. All leaders of group meetings are asked to use discernment and follow general health and safety procedures above.
Include and balance in-person and live online participation as much as possible	Same
Other general fellowship gatherings are online only	In-person fellowship gatherings will be allowed on a case by case basis with approval from Pastor and Trustees
Shalom's use of church spaces	
Shalom can use Sanctuary and Sonshine Hall on Sundays	Same
Shalom can use Sonshine Hall on Fridays	Shalom can use: Sanctuary, Sonshine Hall, Sunday School rooms (except nursery), Kitchen (without stove), Parlor Shalom can meet one more day (Thursday)
Miscellaneous	
Use of church facilities by non-DUMC/Shalom groups need to approved by Pastor and Trustees	Same