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## **Safety Team Policy: Church Building Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Follen's Safe Congregation Group, the President, Vice President, Co-chair of Lay Ministry, the Director of Religious Education, and the Minister, is charged with responding to safety issues that arise under the Follen Church Policy on Safety. This policy is subject to change and will be revisited regularly. That said, we expect the current COVID-19 procedures to remain in place through Fall 2020.

*The building, including sanctuary and Marshman Center, will remain essentially **closed**: no regular gatherings by members, friends, or renters. Worship will be on Zoom until further notice; Religious Education will be virtual until further notice. All other church-sponsored gatherings and events will be virtual until further notice. **No official Follen Church gatherings will be held in person.***

1. **Weddings and funerals**--special lifetime rites of passage--can be requested by members and friends of Follen. Requests must go through the Minister.
2. If given permission for a wedding or funeral, occupancy in the sanctuary must remain under 25 (capacity is approximately 204).
3. When indoors, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet apart for each family grouping.
4. Masks are mandatory inside the building.
5. No live vocal performance.
6. Instrumental performance is permitted, but only with musicians masked and 6 feet apart (unless musicians live together).
7. No food or drink will be served or shared inside.
8. Individuals preparing and serving food outdoors should be masked and gloved, use hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently.
9. Hand sanitizer should be available for usage at several locations, readily available to those in attendance.
10. A limited number of bathrooms will be designated for usage during the event.
11. Thorough cleaning of all areas used following the event.