

## PHASED SCHEDULE OF RE-OPENING

These are the guidelines we will follow unless stricter guidelines are put in place by the state or federal government.

### PHASE 1

**Benchmark: SEVERE** – *Scotts Bluff County is in the RED on the risk dial*

- Worship services will be online via livestream
- Online Bible studies and all meetings (via Zoom)
- Office open but building locked at all times
- Encourage electronic/mailed giving
- Outreach by deacons and care team via phone contact
- No building use

### PHASE 2

**Benchmark: HIGH** – *Scotts Bluff County is in the ORANGE on the risk dial*

- In-person worship w/ masks and social distancing required at all times
- Bible studies and meetings continue to meet mostly on Zoom, but occasionally in-person with social distancing and masks in place
- No greeters/ushers (may need socially distanced “guides” to seat people) or fellowship following services
- Vocal music (w/ masks and social distancing) at the discretion of Music Director (in consultation with Pastors and Music & Worship Team)
- No nursery or children/youth Sunday School so parents are encouraged to bring quiet activities for their children
- Offices open but building still locked
- Soup kitchen must serve to-go meals from outside the building while masked and gloved
- CatPacks may continue to prepare in our church but must be masked at all times and follow social-distancing guidelines
- Other outside groups must request permission from the Session to use the building
- Encourage electronic/mailed giving
- Life rituals (funerals, weddings, etc.) with masks and social distancing required at all times.

### PHASE 3

**Benchmark: MODERATE** – *Scotts Bluff County is in the YELLOW on the risk dial*

- In-person worship with restrictions, limited to capacity in sanctuary under social distancing requirements (overflow in chapel).
- Online worship continues
- Masks and social distancing required for all activities inside or outside the building
- No greeters/ushers (may need socially distanced “guides” to seat people) or fellowship following services
- Music will be determined at the discretion of the Music Director, Pastors, and Music & Worship Committee, taking into account all precautions laid out in this document along with current research – any potential risks will be communicated to the congregation in advance to allow individuals to make choices for themselves
- No nursery or children/youth Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to bring quiet activities for their children
- Soup kitchen must serve to-go meals from outside the building while masked and gloved
- CatPacks may continue to prepare in our church but must be masked at all times and follow social-distancing guidelines
- Other outside groups must request permission from the Session to use the building
- Bible studies and meetings continue to meet mostly on Zoom, but occasionally in-person with social distancing and masks in place
- Life rituals limited to numbers that can maintain defined social distancing requirements.

### PHASE 4

**Benchmark: LOW** – *Scotts Bluff County is in the GREEN on the risk dial*

- In-person worship in sanctuary with socially distanced seating.
- Online worship continues
- Masks and social distancing required for all activities inside the building
- Limited deacons/ushers and limited fellowship following service

- Music will be determined at the discretion of the Music Director, Pastors, and Music & Worship Committee, taking into account all precautions laid out in this document along with current research – any potential risks will be communicated to the congregation in advance to allow individuals to make choices for themselves
- Limited nursery or children/youth Sunday School
- Bible studies and small group meetings continue at church and online for inclusivity as needed. Masks required and meetings to be held in the sanctuary, chapel, or fellowship hall so social distancing can be practiced.
- Soup kitchen can serve from inside the building but must be masked and gloved and follow social-distancing guidelines
- CatPacks may continue to prepare in our church but must be masked at all times and follow social-distancing guidelines
- Other outside groups may use the building as long as masking and social-distancing guidelines are followed
- Office functions resume as normal
- Life rituals limited to numbers that can maintain defined social distancing requirements.

## PHASE 5

**Benchmark:** *No new cases in Scotts Bluff County over a 2-week period*

- Face masks per individual preference, sanitizer available
- Choir and congregational singing resumes
- No group size limitations, social time resumes, ushers/greeters return to normal
- Continue online service options
- Building use opened to the community

*NOTE: If someone tests positive for COVID within 3-4 days after attending a worship service, we will follow the guidance of the Panhandle Public Health Department in our response.*

**This document is subject to change based on new information. Session will share these changes with the congregation as soon as possible after they are made.**