**Covid-19 Risk Level and Ministry Activity Matrix**

**Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church, Harwood**

*The color-coded ministry activity level at Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church (MSLC) corresponds to the risk level of the county/state set by the ND Department of Health at* <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>

Disclaimer: MSLC will do its best to set and follow policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of virus transmission at its ministry activities. However, MSLC has never been able nor will ever be able to guarantee a virus-free environment.

# ALL LEVELS

* Online worship will be offered.
* Online Christian Education opportunities will be offered.
* Stay home if you fall within a high-risk category for a severe outcome from contracting Covid-19 or if you are experiencing possible Covid-19 symptoms (a fever at or greater than 100.4 or loss of sense of smell and/or taste). We encourage you to participate in worship online.
* Remain at home and do not attend church if you have TWO or more of these symptoms with new or worsening onset. We encourage you to participate in worship online.
  + Fatigue
  + Headache
  + Muscle/Body aches
  + Chills
  + Cough
  + Shortness of breath
  + Sore throat
  + Congestion/runny nose
  + Nausea
  + Vomiting
  + Diarrhea
  + Abdominal pain

# BLUE

* Regular indoor worship is held with communion.
* Regular ministry activities are held without mask and physical distancing requirements.
* Church office is open to walk-in appointments.
* Church facility is open to rentals and activities beyond congregational ministry.

# GREEN

* Indoor worship will be held and will include singing.
* Weddings and funerals may be held.
* Weather permitting, outdoor worship options may be held.
* Sanctuary occupancy will be limited to a maximum of 25 individuals or 12 household “pods” per service.
* Wearing masks inside the facility will be required ages 5 and up. We encourage people to bring their own masks. A limited number of masks will be made available at the door for worship services.
* 6-feet physical distancing between household groups will be expected. Sanctuary seating will be arranged to maintain distance and accommodate different household group size.
* Worshipers will be dismissed in a way that seeks to prevent a bottleneck exiting the sanctuary and Maple Hall.
* Communion will be served in a sealed prefilled communion cup with wafer.
* Offering plates will not be passed through the assembly.
* Hymnals will be not be offered.
* Bulletins will be offered.
* Worship leaders and music leaders will wear masks except while fulfilling their roles during the service.
* Bathrooms will be open.
* Christian education and youth activities will be offered in a hybrid model of on-site and virtual experiences.
* Indoor fellowship activities will be suspended.
* The MSLC facility will be open to small group church-affiliated ministry events. Masks will be required unless physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet can be maintained in the meeting space.
* Church office will be open by appointment only.

# YELLOW

* Indoor worship will be held without congregational singing, including weddings and funerals.
* Soloists may sing at weddings and funerals.
* Weather permitting, outdoor worship options may be held.
* Sanctuary occupancy will be limited to a maximum of 25 individuals or 12 household “pods” per service.
* Wearing masks inside the facility will be required ages 5 and up. We encourage people to bring their own masks. A limited number of masks will be made available at the door for worship services.
* 6-foot physical distancing inside the facility is required between household groups for all on-site activities.
* Sanctuary and Maple Hall seating will be arranged to maintain distance and accommodate different household group size.
* Worshipers will be dismissed in a way that seeks to prevent a bottleneck exiting the sanctuary and Maple Hall.
* Communion will be served in a sealed prefilled communion cup with wafer.
* Offering plates will not be passed through the assembly.
* Hymnals will be not be offered.
* Bulletins will be offered.
* A limited number of worship leaders and music leaders will wear masks except while fulfilling their roles during the service.
* Bathrooms will be open.
* Christian education and youth activities will be offered in a hybrid model of on-site and virtual experiences.
* Indoor fellowship activities will be suspended.
* The MSLC facility will be closed to other church ministry events and outside activities and rentals.
* Church office will be open only for pastoral care by appointment.
* Church staff will work remotely as much as possible.

# ORANGE & RED

* No indoor, in-person worship services will be offered.
* Worship will be offered online with a minimum number of worship leaders.
* Weather permitting, drive-in style, outdoor worship may be offered.
* Weather permitting, outdoor worship options may be held.
* Christian education and youth activities will be offered online only.
* Facility will be closed except for worship recording.
* Church staff will work remotely.

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