

St. Peter Lutheran Worship Benchmarks for Returning to Indoor Worship

The State of Michigan bases the epidemic spread and related risk level of a county on two major factors, the percentage of positive test results and the number of new cases per million. The MI Start Safe Dashboard reports these over a 7-day rolling Average.

<https://www.mistartmap.info/>

What the Levels mean for the state	What the levels mean for our worship	When we would move to the next level
Level E		
Cases per million per day exceeds 150 or positive test percentage exceeds 20% in Calhoun County for new cases over a 7-day rolling average.	Return to all virtual worship.	A clear downward trajectory in the number of positive cases for two consecutive weeks prior to St. Peter moving to Level D. Positive cases per million must drop below 150 for the most recent weekly average.
Level D		
Cases per million per day are between 70-150 or positive test percentage is between 15%-20% in Calhoun County for new cases over a 7-day rolling average.	In-person worship outside only, masks and social distancing required. No singing, no group responses. Less than 10 people are permitted inside the building at a time for such activities as music, sound, fetching chairs, etc.	A clear downward trajectory in the number of positive cases for two consecutive weeks prior to St. Peter moving to Level C. Positive cases per million must drop below 70 for the most recent weekly average.
Level C		
Cases per million per day are between 40-70 or positive test percentage is between 10%-15% in Calhoun County for new cases over a 7-day rolling average.	Outdoor worship could continue as in Level D Consider return to indoor worship. If that choice is made: Masks, social distancing required and strictly enforced. No singing of any kind, no assembly response, strictly enforced. Worship is abbreviated to be less than 30 minutes, no socializing before or after.	A clear downward trajectory in the number of positive cases for two consecutive weeks prior to St. Peter moving to Level B. Positive cases per million must drop below 40 for the most recent weekly average.

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Level B		
<p>Cases per million per day are between 20-40 or positive test percentage is between 7%-10% in Calhoun County for new cases over a 7-day rolling average.</p>	<p>Outdoor worship could continue as in Level D. Consider return to indoor worship. Masks, social distancing required and strictly enforced. No singing or assembly response, strictly enforced. Liturgy can expand to 50 minutes</p>	<p>A clear downward trajectory in the number of positive cases for two consecutive weeks prior to St. Peter moving to Level A. Positive cases per million must drop below 20 for the most recent weekly average.</p>
Level A		
<p>Cases per million per day are between 7-20 or positive test percentage is between 3%-7% in Calhoun County for new cases over a 7-day rolling average.</p>	<p>Outdoor worship could continue as in Level D. Assembly responses allowed. Consider return to indoor worship. Masks, social distancing required and strictly enforced. No singing or assembly response, strictly enforced. Small, socially distant choir allowed to reassemble, must remain masked, distanced from each other and from congregation. Possibly explore erecting a screen in front of the choir loft as an option Liturgy can expand to 50 minutes. No socializing indoors before or after.</p>	<p>A clear downward trajectory in the number of positive cases for two consecutive weeks prior to St. Peter moving to Level A. Positive cases per million must drop below 7 for the most recent weekly average.</p>

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Low		
<p>Cases per million per day are less than 7 or positive test percentage is less than 3% in Calhoun County for new cases over a 7-day rolling average.</p>	<p><i>For Indoor worship.</i> Masks, social distancing required and strictly enforced. No singing. Assembly response allowed for short responses, Eucharistic prayer, Amens, etc. Small, socially distant choir allowed to reassemble, must remain masked, distanced from each other and from congregation. Possibly explore erecting a screen in front of the choir loft as an option Liturgy can expand to 50 minutes. No socializing indoors before or after. <i>For outdoor worship</i> Masks, social distancing required Assembly responses permitted. Consider allowing singing.</p>	<p>An ALL CLEAR issued by the CDC, ELCA, and State of Michigan announcing post-pandemic</p>
Post Pandemic		
	<p>Worship returns to how it was in February 2020.</p>	