



## Reopening Plan Update

August 25, 2021



### **Reopening Plan Update** **Approved by the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church** **August 25, 2021**

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes all. Therefore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are following the strictest guidelines for indoor gathering, masks, and social distancing. The Reopening Team of the Westminster Presbyterian Church continues to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Capital Region. In light of the current increase in infection and hospitalization rates in our community, we have made several changes in our indoor building policy at this time:

1. Masks are required for all individuals (over Age 2), regardless of vaccination status. Masks are to be consistently and correctly worn. This requirement extends to those who are singing, performing, or speaking from the pulpit or lectern.
2. No food or drink can be served indoors. Refreshments of any kind must be offered outdoors only.
3. Gatherings in our downstairs Assembly Hall are limited to 25 people or fewer.
4. Events larger than 25 people may be held in our sanctuary. This change includes our Sunday morning worship service which is held in our sanctuary.
5. Social distancing is required – allow a distance of at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.

We continue to welcome church groups, committees, and related organizations to use our building so long as our church policies and CDC Guidelines are observed. Outside groups using

Westminster facilities will also be expected to follow our policies and CDC Guidelines. In all cases, a member of the group will be designated as the responsible person to ensure compliance with these policies and Guidelines.

Some information resources:

- [COVID Data Tracker: Integrated County View | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19: Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People | CDC](#)
- [Delta Variant: What We Know About the Science | CDC](#)
- Reopening plans continue to be informed by guidance from New York State for Religious and Funeral Services: [Interim Guidance for Religious and Funeral Services and Operations of Faith-Based Institutions](#)

This plan will continue to be updated as new information is provided by federal and state authorities.

Questions may be directed to the Church Office [office@wpcalbany.org](mailto:office@wpcalbany.org) or members of the Reopening Team at [reopeningteam@wpcalbany.org](mailto:reopeningteam@wpcalbany.org)

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**Building Request Form:**

- [WPC Building Use/Parking Lot Request Form](#)