

BLHC (Ridgeway) COVID19 Revised Protocols

4/20/23; Reviewed by committee on 2/18/24; Pastor Approved on 2/22/24

Developed with guidance and recommendations from CDC and SCDHEC

Plans subject to change as more information is considered and as the Pastor deems necessary.

Please exercise patience as we implement these modified plans.

EFFECTIVE Sunday, February 25, 2024




Based on the County Hospitalization Levels for Fairfield County and surrounding counties

- Encourage people to stay up to date with COVID19 vaccinations and boosters.
- Masks will not be required but the church will continue to make masks available to all who desire to wear
- No more temperature checks
- Sanitizer not required but the church will continue to make sanitizer available for use
- Maintain seating in every other pew and allow anyone to be seated
- Choir members can sit closer together in pews on Wednesday night but maintain distancing on Sunday morning services
- The church will not distribute fans at this time, however personal fans are allowed but not to be left on church pews.
- Offering stays the same with no change to be given.
- Continue announcements with separate microphone and stand
- Recommend that nursery services be reopened as the Deaconess deem necessary and safe to do so
- Continue with no use of water fountain; Recommend that a new water bottle filling station be installed over the current fountain with access to disposable cups.
- **Maintain display for COVID19 Signs and Messages:** No change to the way we enter or exit the church
- Maintain social distancing on church grounds
- The committee will re-evaluate the protocols periodically or as needed depending on an increase in exposure and guidance from CDC and SCDHEC.
- Place final protocols on the website and foyer monitor

CDC COVID Data Tracker: Maps by Geographic Area: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#maps_new-admissions-rate-county

As of 2/2/24

Based on new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population

	Total	Percent	% Change
 ≥ 20.0	32	0.99%	0.78%
 10.0 - 19.9	370	11.48%	2.79%
 <10.0	2820	87.52%	-3.48%

Time Period: New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) are calculated using data from the MMWR week (Sun-Sat) ending February 10, 2024.

Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 Population in the Past Week, by County - United States

