

## Agape Covid-19 Update

At this point we had all hoped to be done with the frustrations of Covid-19 for good. Unfortunately, as of September 2, 2021 La Porte County is now designated under the Orange Advisory level due to the increase in positive cases.

**We will do everything we can to continue to meet in person for worship services at Agape.** We are also committed to making sure that you are as safe as you can be while at worship. While La Porte County is at a higher Advisory level, we will take some extra measures to make sure things are as safe as possible at church.

### What can you expect?

- **We will have in person worship services unless we have a Covid-19 outbreak in our church.**
- **If there is an outbreak, worship services will be online only the next week while we clean and quarantine.** The guidelines of what constitutes an outbreak are that roughly 5% of people present during services have contracted the virus. For Agape, that means if 4-5 people from separate households are present at the church while they have the virus, we will be online only the next week and there will be no activities in the building during that time. During that time we will thoroughly clean and sanitize the building, and resume in person services after that.
- **Both worship services will still be online.** We will continue to livestream both our Sunday morning and Sunday evening service. If you choose to stay home, you can still access our worship services as you have been.
- **While in the Red Advisory level, offering time will change.** While in the Red Advisory level we will no longer pass offering trays during services. Look for offering containers at the doors as you come in and out of service. We will resume passing offering trays when our Advisory level returns to Orange or lower.
- **While in the Red Advisory level, we will move our seats back to 6 feet apart.** Both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Center will be set up this way, which means we will have to remove some seats. When seating in the Sanctuary is filled, people will need to sit in the Fellowship Center and will be able to watch the livestreamed service from upstairs. When our Advisory level returns to Orange or lower, we will resume normal seating.
- **Masks are not required, but we highly recommend that you wear a mask while in the building.** There is no mask mandate for Indiana or La Porte County at the moment, but we recommend that you wear one anyway. We will have masks available to those who forget to bring one.
- **Please stay home if you are ill or have been exposed to Covid-19.** If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay home to keep others at Agape safe and healthy.
- **Please let us know if you think you were exposed to the virus or exposed others at church.** In order to make sure we don't have an outbreak on our hands, we need to know if you think you were around someone at church who had the virus or if you had it while you were here. Please let us know.

If these measures do not adequately prevent the spread of Covid-19 within our congregation, or if state or county guidelines change, we may need to consider further measures. Agape will do everything we can to keep people safe and healthy in the building during services, but ultimately decisions about your health are up to you. **Please know that if you choose to come to the building you could be at risk of coming into contact with COVID-19.** Agape cannot be responsible for any illness resulting from coming to worship or

other activities at the church building. Please use your best judgment when deciding whether to attend services or stay home.