

Important Information Regarding Our Move to Stage Two In-Person Worship

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For the purposes of this document, worship is classified into three different categories: indoor, drive-in, and outdoor. The term “worship” encompasses weddings and funerals.

As we enter Stage Two In-Person Worship, please note the following requirements:

- It is still imperative that congregations and their Healthy Church Teams follow the directives in the Handbook, which can be found at www.vaumc.org/return.
- As churches return to in-person worship, they will need to submit their plans to their District Superintendent. It is recommended that this submission take place ten days in advance of their first in-person worship service, with the timeframe ultimately at the discretion of the District Superintendent.
- Stage Two in-person worship may begin no sooner than June 21 or other date set by the Bishop.
- In Stage Two in-person indoor worship, churches may gather with as many people as their worship space allows with six-foot social distancing, with a number not to exceed half of the capacity of the worship space they are using for the service.
- In Stage Two in-person outdoor worship, churches may gather with as many people as their largest worship space allows with six-foot social distancing, with a number not to exceed half of the capacity of their largest worship space.
- Stage Two indoor and outdoor worship must include the wearing of masks.
- All Stage Two indoor worship must not include choir, praise band, or congregational singing.
- Masks are still not required for the congregation in drive-in worship.
- Congregational singing in vehicles and by a soloist is permitted for drive-in worship.
- Stage Two in-person worship is open to churches of all sizes who follow the requirements of the Handbook and this document.