

The Session of Eagle River Presbyterian Church met on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to discuss the process for reopening our building for worship and ministry. In accordance with the current state and municipal guidelines, we are loosening our restrictions for volunteers. We are happy to welcome members and friends of the congregation to volunteer their time and talents in our building, with these stipulations:

- ❖ All volunteers must maintain six feet of distance between themselves and all non-household members.
- ❖ All volunteers must wear face coverings unless working alone in the building.
- ❖ All volunteers must wash hands frequently. The building will continue to be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- ❖ Stay home and isolate yourself from others if you're sick. If you have symptoms that could be COVID-19, contact a health care provider to get tested as soon as possible.
- ❖ Be mindful and respectful to those Alaskans that are most vulnerable to this virus, including Alaska's senior population and those with existing health conditions.
- ❖ Anyone in a high-risk population must decide for themselves whether their presence in the building compromises their safety.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), those at high-risk for severe illness or complications from COVID-19 are:

People aged 65 years and older (Note: Anchorage Muni includes 60 and older)

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised: many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

Volunteers at the Chugiak/Eagle River Food Pantry will continue to follow their "Chugiak-Eagle River Food Pantry Coronavirus Policy," which also states, "Volunteers are requested to use good judgment and stay at home if they are at risk for serious complications or should have any type sickness, or display any COVID-19 symptom." All other building users have been asked to develop similar policies.

We will continue to worship online only for the foreseeable future and will re-evaluate this decision on a monthly basis. All board meetings and Christian education events will remain virtual as well.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (907) 694-5753 or via email: [secretary@erpresbyterian.org](mailto:secretary@erpresbyterian.org).

Sincerely,

Rev. Piper Cartland and the Session of Eagle River Presbyterian Church