

## **COVID-19 Update for Bloomington Wesley UMC**

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, Illinois Governor Pritzker announced that the entire state of Illinois would be moving to Tier 3 COVID restrictions beginning Friday, Nov. 20. Tier 3 is not a mandated “shelter-in-place,” but can be described as “If you don’t have to do it, don’t.”

On the same day, Bishop Beard issued a letter to all IGRC churches ([Attached Here](#)) instructing a pause in all in-person worship (inside and outside), limiting building use to 10 persons or less, and asking that all church staff work from home as much as possible. These restrictions are to be observed until Dec. 13, at which time the conference will re-evaluate.

### **For Wesley UMC, this means the following:**

Until Dec. 13 or the lifting of restrictions by Bishop Beard,

- All COVID precautions currently in place (masks, social distance, hand-washing, sign-in/out, temp/symptom check) will continue and will be strictly enforced
- Worship will continue online only until further notice
- Committees and small groups will move online until further notice
- Wesley Distribution Ministry will continue this week, with additional precautions ([Attached Here](#))
- Short-duration (1 hour or less) essential task groups (e.g, mailing volunteers) may meet for short periods of time, working at increased social distance (15-ft) and taking 10-min. breaks every 30 minutes for air exchange in the room, including allowing fresh air inside if possible.
- Non-essential and longer-duration (more than 1 hour) gatherings will move to Zoom or complete tasks from home
- Staff will work from home (custodial staff will keep watch over the building and ongoing projects)
- Materials may be picked up and dropped off by calling the church office for available access

We thank you for your cooperation and support – but especially for your prayers. May God watch over Wesley Church and keep us safe and healthy to serve!

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