

FLC Congregational COVID19 Survey 2020 RESULTS

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zx9RF7IW6Z5ncv9yw__3HTugVgixHrFRS5UucbIJzk/edit?ts=5ec5e7f6#responses (log in to a Google account to view)

[5/25/2020 results after re-posting 5/22/2020]

First Lutheran's membership estimate is 250 people, which gives us a 33% response rate to the survey. First Lutheran's average weekly attendance is 100 so if we base the calculation on this number, we had an 81% response rate to the survey.

1. When our State, County and City governments begin to modify directives on gathering, including church meetings, which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church? Select one:

- I will return the first opportunity we have. (7.4%)
- I will return at first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions. (32.1%)
- I will wait several additional weeks before I attend. (28.4%)
- It may be quite a while before I return. (23.5%)
- Not sure (8.6%)

The 81 responses show:

51.9% will wait several weeks or not return for a while.

39.5% will return at first opportunity.

8.6% Unsure.

2. In addition to our State, County and City governments directives being modified to slowly allow public gatherings, including church meetings, are there other signals you would want to see before you return to attend a worship service at church? Select all that apply

- Local businesses are open again (38.3%)
- Local restaurant seating areas are open again (34.6%)
- Schools are open again (22.2%)
- The number of coronavirus cases near me is very small (51.9%)
- Most social distancing recommendations have been lifted (42%)
- None of these (6.2%)
- Not sure (19.8%)

The 81 responses show:

31.7% want to see businesses, restaurants and schools opened before returning.

46.9% want to see less COVID19 cases and social distance restrictions lifted

13% are not sure or want to see other signals

3. What precautions, if any, do you plan to take when you return to a worship service? Select all that apply

- I will wear a face mask (95.1%)
- I will stand and sit in places where I will be at least 6 feet from others (beyond my own family) (88.9%)
- I will avoid shaking hands (96.3%)
- I will avoid any physical contact (96.3%)
- I will avoid crowded hallways (84%)
- I will bring hand sanitizer (67.9%)
- None of these (1.2%)

The 81 responses show:

Majority are willing to continue with some sort of precautions when on-site worship resumes.

4. What precautions, if any, do you expect our church to take for worship gatherings? Select all that apply

- Limit handouts of any kind (e.g., worship bulletins, etc.) (45.7%)
- Use a new method for distributing the Lord's Supper elements (84%)
- Use a new method for collecting offerings (72.8%)
- Encourage social distancing in sanctuary seating (95.1%)
- Encourage small group meetings to use on-line applications (55.6%)
- Prop doors open so people do not have to touch handles (79%)
- Have next service wait to allow previous service to exit (40.7%)
- Provide hand sanitizer stations (75.3%)
- Discourage shaking hands (92.6%)
- Allow a longer period of time between worship services (13.6%)
- Other _____
- None of these

The 81 responses show:

The majority (>50%) expect the following when the returning to on-site activity and worship:

- **New method for distributing the Lord's Supper**
- **New method for collecting offerings**
- **Social distancing in sanctuary**
- **Prop doors open**
- **Hand sanitizer stations**
- **Discourage shaking hands**

Other suggestions: Encourage mask use, no refreshments, additional cleaning, limit or eliminate singing, signage, continue virtual worship, provisions for age 65+, communion gloves and wafers.

5. Do you have children age 18 or younger who live with you and typically attend church with you?

- Yes
- No

7 of the 81 respondents answered Yes

6. Would you allow your child(ren) to attend Sunday School on the church campus?

- Yes
- Not right away
- My children do not typically attend Sunday School.

4 of those 7 (57.2%) would not allow children return right away or their children do not attend anyway

3 of those 7 (42.9%) would allow children return to Sunday school

7. What precautions, if any, do you expect the church to take in children's and student Sunday School when they resume? Select all that apply

- Reduce the number of people in each room or move to a larger room (1)
- Seat children where they cannot touch each other (2)
- Prohibit snacks that would cause children to put their hands to their mouths (2)
- Require teachers to wear face masks (2)
- Encourage kids to wear face masks (2)
- Require teachers to wear gloves (0)
- Ask kids to use hand sanitizer before entering (3)
- Plan activities in which kids do not need to touch each other (3)

Other _____

None of these

3 responded to this question.

8. Which of the following describes the attendance level at which you would be comfortable attending a worship service? I would be comfortable attending if the sanctuary is...

- Filled to capacity (every seat taken)
- Three-quarters filled (some empty seats throughout but no empty rows)
- Half filled (most people have empty seats either beside them or in front of them)
- One quarter filled (most people have empty seats beside them and in front of them)
- None of these (at least right away)

The 81 responses show:

No one wants to see the church filled to capacity at this time

83.8% would be comfortable with ¼ to ½ worship attendance

12.5% would not be comfortable at this time

9. When our State, County and City governments begin to modify directives on gatherings, including church gatherings, which of the following would you prefer for our church? Select all that apply

- Resume in person worship services at our church immediately
- Continue with virtual (on-line) services
- Meet in small groups in homes for a few more weeks before resuming in person worship services
- Not sure

The 81 responses show:

34.6% resume immediately when given the go ahead

51.9% Continue virtual service

3.7% Utilize small home groups

28.4% still not sure

10. Would you be willing to attend a worship service at a different time than you typically attend to allow people to be more spread out in the sanctuary?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Majority are OK to change to a different service time.

11. Would you be willing to attend a worship service in an overflow room to ensure people (in the sanctuary and overflow rooms) are spread out?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Majority are OK to use an overflow room.

12. How long have you been attending?

- I am new in 2020
- Less than 2 years
- 2-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10+ years

·I don't remember

The 81 responses show:

(48) 10+yrs

(20) 5-9yrs

(9) 2-4yrs

(4) <2yrs

15. What is your age?

·Less than 18

·18-29

·30-49

·50-69

·70+

The 81 responses show:

(36) 50-69yo

(36) 70+yo

(9) 30-49yo

16. Who do you live with? Select all that apply

I live alone

I live with family

I am a single parent with children

I am a live-in caregiver

I live with a caregiver

The 81 responses show:

(26) live alone

(42) live with family

(8) are a single parent or receive or give care

17. How far do you travel to get to church? Select one:

·I can walk

·Less than 15min drive

·Less than 30min drive

·More than 30min drive

The 81 responses show:

55.6% live <15min drive away

33.3% live >15min drive away

(9) can walk