This plan was designed by the pastors of the five United Methodist Churches in Billings, in consultation with public health experts, local church leaders, and other clergy. Governor Bullock has released the “Reopening the Big Sky” plan to reopen our state in phases. This document is meant to describe how we will respond to each of the phases of reopening. When Montana state officials move from one phase to another, we will put the corresponding plan for our church into action. You can see the detailed “Reopening the Big Sky” plan [here](#).

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#### STAY AT HOME ORDER
(when the Gov. has issued a “Stay Home” order)

- **Worship** will be online only.
- **Life Rituals** (weddings, funerals) will be postponed except for under extreme circumstances.
- **Pastoral Care** will be provided remotely.
- **Groups** will meet online.
- **Staff** will be limited to essential functions.
- **Building** will be closed to outside groups.

#### PHASE ONE
(when the Gov. moves to Phase 1 of MT state plan)

- **Worship** will be online only.
- **Life Rituals** will be limited to 10 or fewer in attendance. No receptions will be held.
- **Pastoral Care** provided in manner that is safe for care receiver and giver.
- **Groups** limited to 10 or fewer people with safety guidelines in place.*
- **Staff** may return to office.
- **Building** groups limited to 10 or fewer with safety guidelines.

*See “Safety Guidelines for Groups”

#### PHASE TWO
(when the Gov. moves to Phase 2 of MT state plan)

- **Worship** in person with safety guidelines** and online.
- **Life Rituals** limited to 50 or fewer in attendance. No receptions will be held.
- **Pastoral Care** provided in manner that is safe for care receiver and giver.
- **Groups** limited to 50 or fewer people with safety guidelines in place.
- **Staff** will resume as normal.
- **Building** groups limited to 50 or fewer w/ safety guidelines.

**See “Safety Guidelines for Worship”

#### PHASE THREE
(when the Gov. moves to Phase 3 of MT state plan)

- **Worship** in person with relaxed safety guidelines.
- **Life Rituals** will be offered with relaxed safety guidelines. No receptions will be held.
- **Pastoral Care** will resume as normal.
- **Groups** will resume as normal.
- **Staff** will continue as normal.
- **Building** groups will resume as normal.