

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Auburn UMC's Phase-In Plan

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Phase 1

- We worship online
- Bible studies, small groups, and Sunday School classes meet online
- Church building is closed; office staff work remotely
- Mission work continues through community partners as state and health guidelines allow

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Criteria: decline in new COVID-19 cases in the area



Phase 2

- **Worship continues online**
- **Bible studies, other groups, and Sunday School classes continue to meet online, and may meet off-site in (socially distant) outdoor gatherings according to state and health guidelines - we have implemented a limit 10 people**
- **Church building is closed; office staff work remotely, with the exception of a few pre-approved staff personnel**
- **Mission work continues through community partners as state and health guidelines allow**

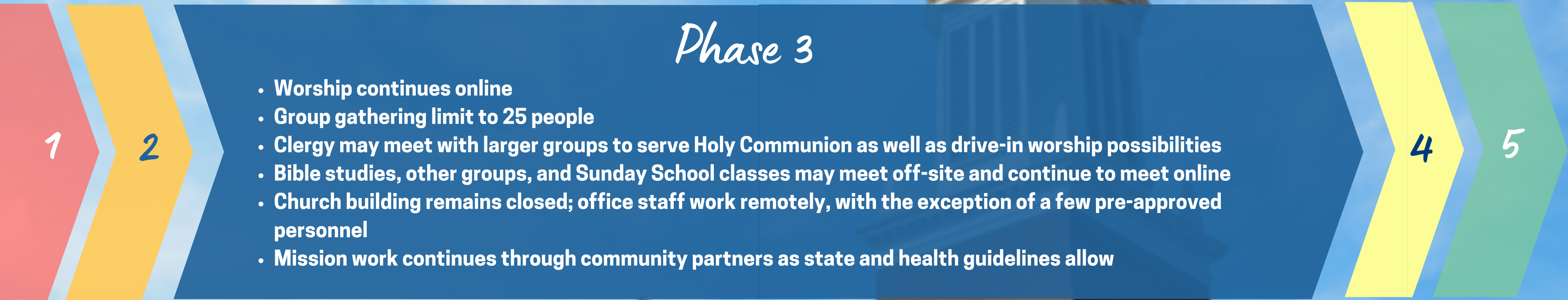


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Criteria: clear evidence of steady decline in COVID-19 cases over a 14-day consecutive period



Phase 3

- **Worship continues online**
- **Group gathering limit to 25 people**
- **Clergy may meet with larger groups to serve Holy Communion as well as drive-in worship possibilities**
- **Bible studies, other groups, and Sunday School classes may meet off-site and continue to meet online**
- **Church building remains closed; office staff work remotely, with the exception of a few pre-approved personnel**
- **Mission work continues through community partners as state and health guidelines allow**

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Criteria: Clear evidence of significant decline in cases combined with the recommendation of the medical community



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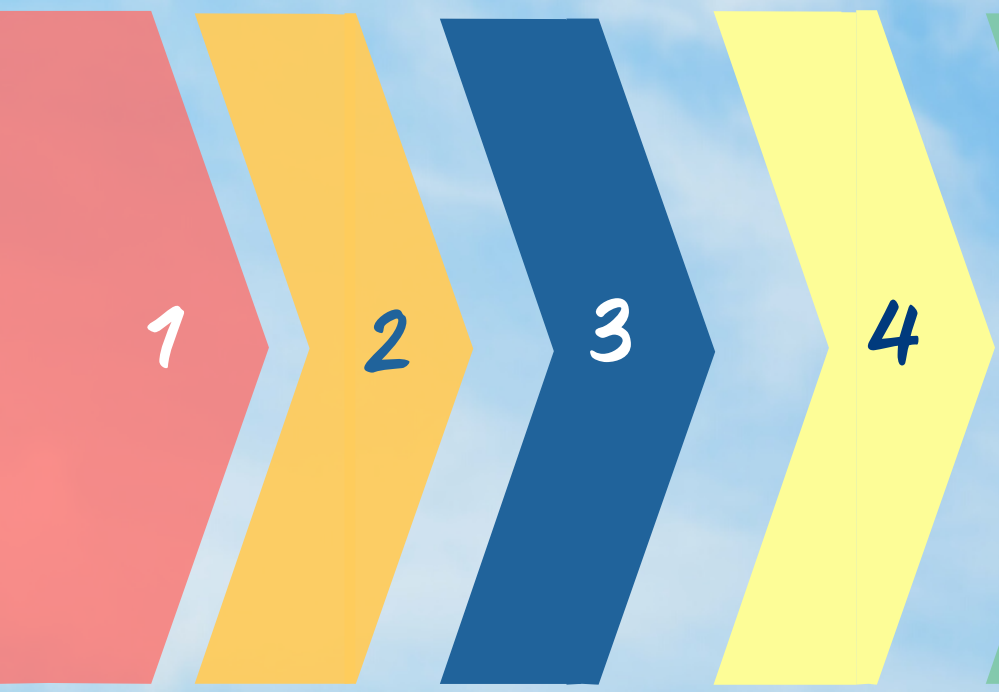
- **Worship continues online as well as some opportunities for in-person, on-site worship - masks & social distancing required**
- **Begin to gather on church property, starting in smaller groups working towards larger gatherings**
- **Church building is open for gatherings, but requires event submission and approval by church administration**
- **Considerations for in-person children, youth, and vulnerable adult programming will be made in this phase**

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Criteria: widespread vaccine availability



Phase 5

- **Worship continues online as well as opportunities for in-person worship**
- **Begin to gather on church property, starting in smaller groups working towards larger gatherings**
- **Church building is open for gatherings, pending event submission and approval by church administration**
- **Considerations for in-person children, youth, and vulnerable adult programming will be made in this phase**