**RECOMMENDATION OF THE REOPENING COMMITTEE**

*(Approved by Board October 1, 2020)*

**Phases for Returning to In-Person Worship at Shawnee Community Christian Church**

Criteria for returning to in-person worship will that Johnson County has attained “controlled spread.” Controlled spread is defined in guidelines from a study by the University of Nebraska as *50 or fewer new cases per million in population.* While Johnson County’s population is somewhat less than a million, the Reopening Committee believes that 50 or fewer new cases per day per million is a safe basepoint for beginning in-person Phase 1 worship.

***Phase 1***

14-day decline in COVID-19 new cases

Limited seating in Sanctuary

One or two Worship services offered (depending on results from congregational survey)

Limited Children’s programming

Limited Youth programming

No congregational singing

Masks required

Self-contained communion offered

Worship recorded and/or live streamed

No nursery

All areas of use will be cleaned and disinfected after worship.

Sanitizing stations

Signage about precautions

***Phase 2***

40-day decline in COVID-19 new cases

Seating numbers increase in sanctuary

Masks recommended

Communion resumed

No congregational singing

Worship recorded and/or live streamed

Nursery options explored

Small groups resume in person

Socializing allowed

Children’s programming remains limited

Youth programming remains limited

Cleaning and disinfecting after worship, sanitizing stations and signage continues.

***Phase 3***

Pandemic has de-escalated

Two Sunday morning worship services

Children and Youth program expanded

Congregational singing

Communion resumed

Continued vigilance practiced