



The Reopening Task Team met on February 2, 2021, for the purpose of defining the parameters and milestones that they feel are necessary for reopening our facility for in person worship. The parameters are:

- Guidelines and protocols for using the building. The data that we review is from medical institutions, Salem Presbytery, the state health department, the state government, and churches near and far.
- State Government Executive Orders. The governor moved the state into Phase 3 with Executive Order 176 on November 10, 2020. Unfortunately the number of new cases rose alarmingly and the Session and the Reopening Task Team voted to suspend in person worship. The governor has since added many restrictions.. As this virus progresses, the data is changing and we are continually reassessing where Clemmons Presbyterian stands, and how to move forward.
- Trends and rates of infection. There is objective data that is being constantly reviewed, but there are milestones yet to be met. We use the charts and graphs provided by the health department, the CDC, and other medical institutions to provide us with the most recent information. Those can be found online.

The following milestones were recommended to, and approved by Session, as important to be met before reopening to in person worship:

1. The state will be in Phase 3. We remain in Phase 3 at this time with restrictions.
 2. The North Carolina COVID-19 County Alert System for **both** Forsyth and Davie Counties will be Yellow which means 'significant community spread'. This system gives individuals, businesses and community organizations, and public officials a tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System uses metrics informed by North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers. Because no one metric provides a complete picture, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county.
- **As trends continue to improve and with Forsyth County now in yellow, the Reopening Task Team and the Session are moving forward with returning to in-person worship in the near future.**

