

Greetings friends and members of Grace,

Unfortunately, our COVID-19 cases in the area have increased over the past week. As of Thursday, April 1st we remain in the Covid Risk Level red at Grace.

**We are now in : Red**

What does this mean?

It means we will gather online and in outdoor gatherings. If you have an errand to run in the building please remember to contact Sue by email at [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:office@gracewelcomesyou.org) or by calling 563.322.0320 before you enter the building.

How long will this risk level last?

The cases of Covid and the risk may go up or down. We will next announce what stage we are in on April 15th. This allows us to be flexible and responsive to the changes in the spread of Covid while allowing us to plan a bit ahead.

How are the risk levels decided?

The risk levels are guided by Global Epidemics. They use the 7 day average of the amount of cases per 100,000 people to define the different levels of risk. For more information about what is included in the plan, you can read about it on our website here:

<https://www.gracewelcomesyou.org/docs/revised-guidelines.pdf>

In March the Council approved a new and revised guidelines submitted by the When and How Team. A few shifts in this plan include a redefining of the Covid Risk Color Levels and what we are able to do at each level. We had hoped we could return to worship in the sanctuary on April 18th if cases remained the same or got better. Unfortunately, the Covid seems to be entering a new surge within our community and may impact the possibility of our return. We will update you on April 15th.

We hope you remain safe and well.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Stephanie