

Re-Entry Decision Tree

1. Has our Re-Entering Well Task Force created a plan for safely conducting in-person gatherings that includes our unique values and context (e.g., the cultural, social and emotional aspects of the congregation)?* (bwcumc.org/re-entry)

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually and complete your discernment process before proceeding.

2. Is a significant percentage of our congregation able or willing to meet in person in Phase 2?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

3. Do we have a sustainable amount of all supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, etc.) needed to safely gather in-person?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

4. Have all our teams received adequate training to implement the plan well?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

5. Does our local (county government) allow us to gather?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

Re-enter your building for in-person gatherings while adhering to all local government restrictions

*Congregational values, such as hospitality and concern for vulnerable church members, may lead the congregation to continue to delay re-entering the building for on-site worship, even if it is technically safe to do so using this decision tree. The discernment of congregational leaders, using holy conferencing, should be communicated clearly so that church members can understand the why, what, and how of essential ministries as their church continues to make disciples and transform the world, all to the glory of God.