



#### A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVE

##### Report on how the re-open is going here at RVC

We have now been open for the first three weeks of June.

We thought you might like to know how it's going.

#### The Numbers

| Date    | 1st | 2nd | Café | Library | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|------|---------|-------|
| June 7  | 91  | 95  | 23   | 1       | 186   |
| June 14 | 78  | 81  | 3    | 6       | 159   |
| June 21 | 80  | 86  | 7    | 3       | 166   |

#### Adjustments

We are designating the Library as a mask-only zone. Some of you have said you'd feel more comfortable in a place where everyone had masks on. So, we have designated the Library as mask-only. You can still make your way in without touching anything and find a seat in the well-spaced Library. The rest of the building is mask optional.

#### What We Are Watching to Make Our Decisions

We thought you might like to know what the elders are watching as we make our decisions on how to move forward. The first thing I should say is that we are not trusting left or right media outlets. We are watching three main things: 1) The data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services:

[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov)) or

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>)

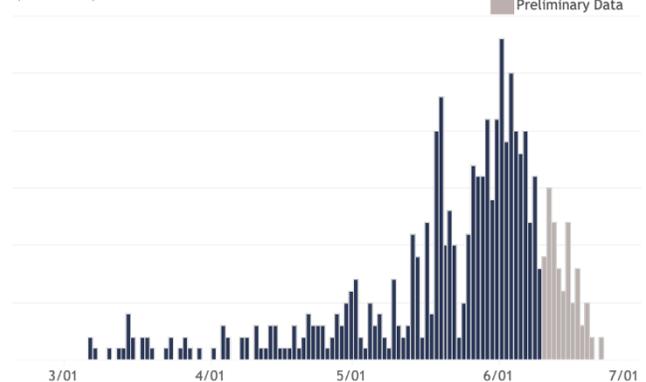
and data from the Winnebago County Health Department ([www.wchd.org](http://www.wchd.org)); we are looking at the raw data from them, and there is a lot of it; 2) We are watching the number of people in the hospitals at Ascension Mercy and Aurora Hospitals (not the number of cases), because that is a result of more testing; and 3) We are watching

our congregation. We have now been open for three weeks with no one reporting even flu-like symptoms. We will make adjustments as needed.

The video clip on "Interpreting Data" from the DHS is very helpful. As of June 24th, the percentage of positive tests is not increasing. The number of positive cases is going up because more people are being tested. The percentage of positive cases has been staying the same which means that there isn't a spike in cases. If you remember, the reason we were all locked down was to keep cases from spiking beyond the hospitals' capacities. The preliminary data expects the percentage to go down in both the state and Winnebago County.

Number of reported COVID-19 cases by date of symptom onset or diagnosis: Winnebago County

(Total: 619)



We wish the data of both the state and county matched, but it does not. Wisconsin has 5.8 million people, and 500,000 people have been tested (25,000 have been positive). According to the Wisconsin DHS, 3,000 have been hospitalized and 78% recovered. That's a state rate of 5% of tested people having Covid-19. The data for Winnebago County doesn't match. Somewhere between .8% (Wisconsin DHS) and 3.9% (Winnebago County DH) people tested in Winnebago County were positive. The

percentages are not going up at this point. Wisconsin DHS is predicting a decrease. At the writing of this, Wednesday a.m., there were 4 cases at Aurora Hospital and 2 cases at Ascension Mercy Hospital. We are doing our best to sift through the varied data. We will make adjustments as needed to provide a healthy environment for our congregation.

### **Video Tour of Church as It's Set Up Now**

This week we posted a video to let you see the set-up as you come into the building. It shows the three worship areas that we are using. We wanted you to be able to feel a little more comfortable about choosing your spot. You can see it at <https://www.facebook.com/RVCOshkosh>.

### **Café to Open in July**

We are planning to open the Café in July. We will start with beverages like coffee and tea. We are looking into prepackaged food. Those of you who need your coffee...It's coming back!

### **RVC | kids**

We are working toward opening RVC | kids on July 19th. Initially, we will be serving 18 months to 3-year olds. You still have the option of keeping your kids with you in the service, and the fun bags and sermon journals will still be available. We are going to open the kids area slowly as we have workers and continue to see good health in both kids and workers. Tracy has more details for parents.

***\*Please Note: All of our plans are subject to change if health issues warrant.***

### **RVC | STUDENTS**

The youth groups are starting back up this week. The middle school group started this past Wednesday night. The high school group starts back up on Sunday night. All teens will need to enter with a temperature check and hand sanitizing. If you want more info, call Steven Blader.

### **NEEDS AT CHURCH**

We now need twice as many on our tech crew for each Sunday morning. It takes more people to live-stream and run the live service. If you have an interest in being part of the Tech Team in the future, please let Danny Linse know.

### **CHURCH PICNIC CANCELLED**

The purpose of the RVC picnic is to have a fellowship event for the whole church body. Since our attendance is currently about one-third of our body, that doesn't seem like complete fellowship. So, we would rather wait until we can all meet together. We look forward to the time when we can all be together enjoying each other; but, for now, we'd rather wait.

### **GIVING UPDATE**

Weekly Giving: 6/15-6/21/20

\$9,421.51

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