

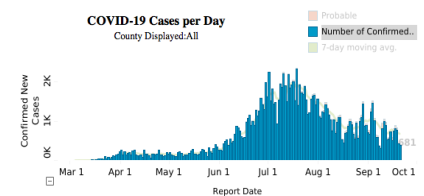


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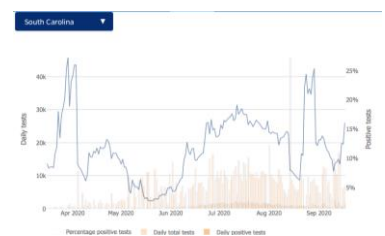
Greetings! I sure miss seeing you and worshipping with you in-person!

The Council established a Health and Safety Task Force and the team began meeting July 15th. The task for this team was to study and inform the council on developments and then recommend an eventual plan for resuming in-person worship. This team began to meet and discuss both the immediate and long-term recommendations for the safety and health of the church and the persons who come to the church campus. As you know, there is one entrance into the buildings at the church office door. You also know that to enter the building, everyone must sign in, and everyone must wear a mask while inside the buildings. The only exception to this mask-wearing-rule is the small number of people who are leading worship on Sunday mornings.

The original process for re-opening, focused on a two week decline in the number of new cases. According to scdhec.gov on June 1, the number of confirmed cases was 263. On July 1, the number was 2,243. On September 20, the number was 393. A link to <https://scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/south-carolina-county-level-data-covid-19> has been added to the church website: www.WeAreMtHermon.com.



Another method of measuring Covid19 is the “percentage positive tests” and this suggested marker is to be less than 5%. You can follow this at <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states/south-carolina> This link is also on our website.



We are very eager to come back to in-person worship! I ask you to continue to be in pleading prayers that this virus be ended very soon. We want so much to be back to some sense of normalcy, but more than that, we want our community to be safe and not become infected by an innocent, unknowing carrier of this virus. Please continue to pray and we will continue to keep you updated!

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