

LaGrave Christian Reformed Church

## **GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR FUTURE CHANGES IN LAGRAVE WORSHIP ACTIVITIES**

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This document sets forth a general plan for how LaGrave proposes to alter in-person worship activities in response to future changes in the COVID pandemic. It is not a commitment. It is simply guidance that is always subject to amendment by council.

The scenario table on the next page describes seven possible stages in pandemic status. Stage 1 is the best, stage 7 is the most challenging. The left column sets forth two numeric criteria (new Kent County cases and Kent County test positivity, each averaged over 7 days) defining the various stages. For each stage, the right column describes how LaGrave plans to respond. In any week, depending on what has happened in the community, LaGrave can move up or down the various stages.

The data determining the scenario at any particular time will come from the Kent County Health Department, at the following web page: <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-data.htm> Data on that page is updated each weekday, early in the evening.

Each week on Wednesday morning, LaGrave will consult this web page and determine which stage LaGrave will be in for the upcoming Sunday. In the Thursday email from the church, LaGrave will indicate to church members which stage the upcoming Sunday services will reflect.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

1. Based on current Kent County COVID data, LaGrave will start on November 22 at stage 7. For LaGrave to move to any other stage, both numeric criteria (new cases; test positivity) must qualify for that new stage. Until both criteria are met to justify a new stage, LaGrave will not change stages.
2. These numeric criteria were partially drawn from CDC guidelines for schools, but have been adapted for LaGrave. Each stage assumes that LaGrave is capable of implementing the following five mitigation strategies: consistent and correct use of masks; physical distancing to the largest extent possible; hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and disinfection; contact tracing in collaboration with local health officials. LaGrave is capable of implementing all these strategies as appropriate.

## Scenario Table

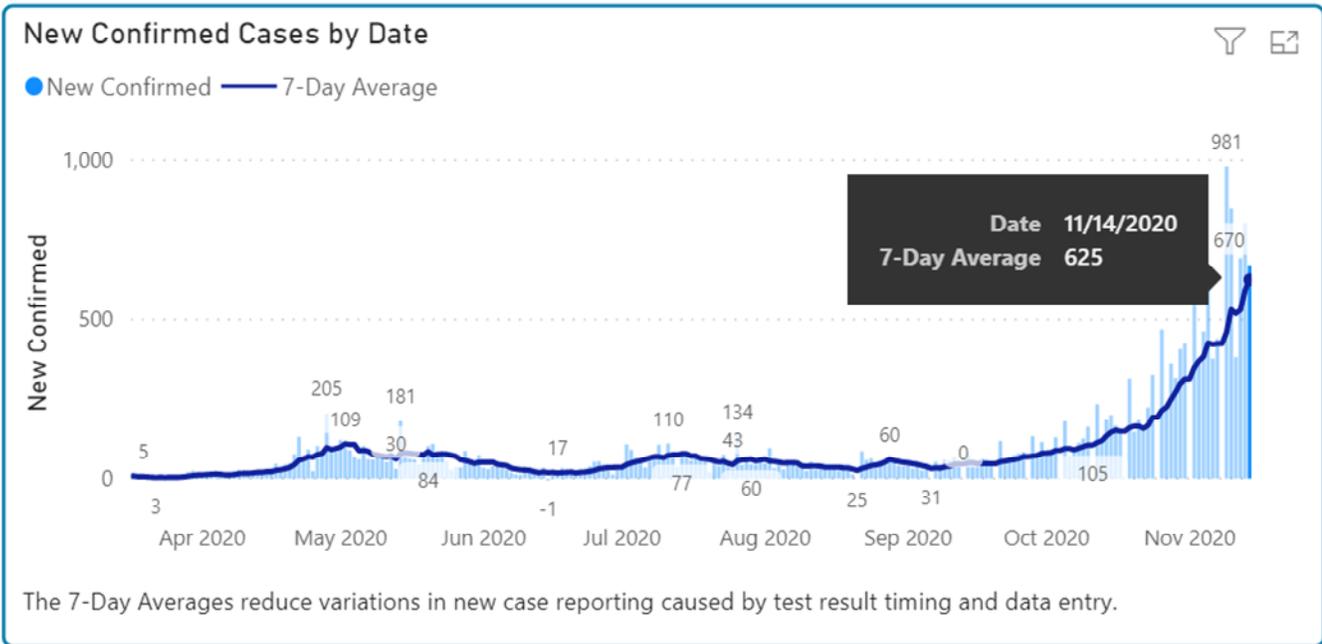
<p><b>Stage 1:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Average number of new cases (last 7 days) – less than 10.</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days) - &lt; 3%</li> </ul> <p>We would not have reached this stage during the summer</p>	Open subject to limited mitigation as determined by council
<p><b>Stage 2:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Average number of new cases (last 7 days) – 10.1 – 35</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days) 3.1% to 5%</li> </ul> <p>Some of the summer would have been in this stage</p>	Open with physical distancing (every other pew) and singing and masks recommended, but not required.
<p><b>Stage 3:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Average number of new cases (last 7 days)- 35.1– 100</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days) 3.1% to 5%</li> </ul> <p>Some of the summer would have been at this stage. We would have opened Oct 11 in this stage</p>	Open with physical distancing (every other pew) and singing with masks
<p><b>Stage 4:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of new cases (last 7 days) – 100.1– 200</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days): 5.1% to 8%</li> </ul> <p>Shortly after opening we would have transitioned to this stage</p>	Open with extra physical distancing (every 3 <sup>rd</sup> pew) singing with masks
<p><b>Stage 5:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Average number of new cases (last 7 days) – 200.1– 300</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days) - 8.1 to 10%</li> </ul> <p>Second half of October would be this stage</p>	Open with physical distancing (every other pew) masks and no singing
<p><b>Stage 6:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Average number of new cases (last 7 days) – 300.1– 500</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days)- 10.1% to 13%</li> </ul> <p>At the beginning of November we would be in this stage.</p>	Open with extra physical distancing (every third pew), masks and no singing
<p><b>Stage 7:</b> Core Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Average number of new cases (last 7 days)- &gt;500</li> <li>● Average Positivity Rate (last 7 days)- &gt;13.1%</li> </ul>	See note below about LaGrave’s response to Stage 7.*

\*When a Wednesday morning’s county data moves LaGrave into Stage 7 from a lower stage, LaGrave’s council will hold a special meeting that evening at 8 pm. Council will vote that evening whether to suspend in-person worship and instead have one livestream service at 10 am, starting the immediately following Sunday.

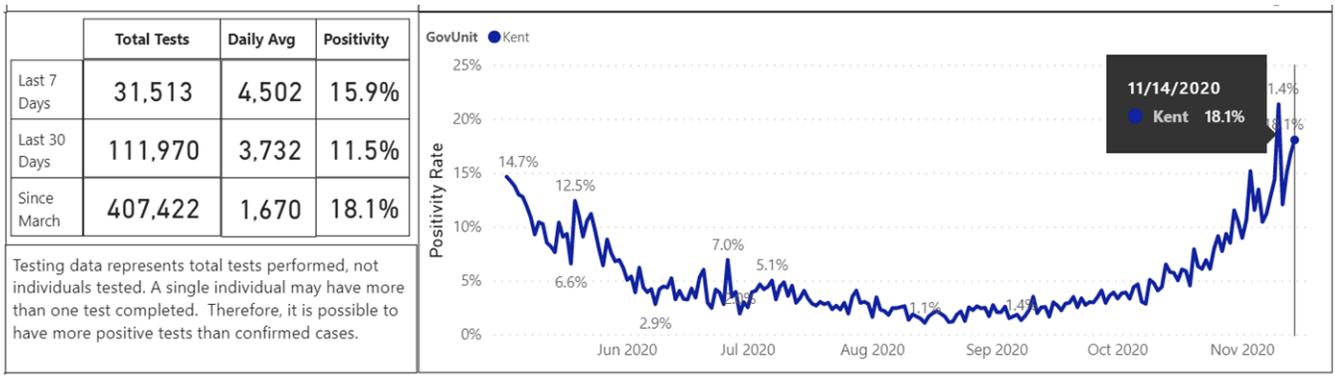
When the data moves LaGrave into Stage 7 and council has voted once to suspend in-person worship, council will not thereafter need to take weekly votes. Once council has voted to suspend in-person worship, LaGrave will remain in Stage 7, with livestream worship only, until either:

(a) a later week’s data shows that LaGrave should be moved to a different stage, as described in the table above (in which case that change would happen automatically, without needing further council action), or

(b) council decides on its own for any reason to move LaGrave out of Stage 7 to a different stage (which council can do at any time).”



Cases Metric Example: Page 2 of <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-data.htm>



Positivity Rate Example: Page 6 of <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-data.htm>