

Conference Office Reopening Delayed

Rev. Gordon Rankin, Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ has decided to delay the re-opening of the Conference Office until Tuesday, September 7th at the earliest. The New Hampshire Statewide 7-Day Positivity Rate is currently at 4.2% with all but two counties exceeding 3%. The Conference Covid re-opening protocols say if the statewide rate rises above 3%, the office will be closed until it drops below that rate for a two-week period of time. Since we are already within a two-week window of August 16th, delaying the re-opening made the most sense.

At this time, decisions regarding Conference staff travel/church visits are being left to the staff member. The severity and duration of the current surge may necessitate that this policy be changed, however.

Covid trends will be monitored over the next couple weeks. If the current trend does not resolve itself in a timely way, consideration will be given to issuing a new set of recommendations to our Conference churches at well.

As always, more complete and detailed information can be found on our website at: <https://nhcucc.org/caring-for-congregations/staying-safe-in-the-midst-of-contagious-disease>