

Immanuel Presbyterian Covid-19 Protocol Update – May 28, 2021

Starting immediately there are some changes to our gathering protocols and guidelines at Immanuel. This continues to be a "fluid" situation and further loosening or tightening of our practices will be based on our own and the county/state vaccination rates and vaccination effectiveness, overall Covid rates, state phases, and guidance and best practices from public health.

Sunday Morning Worship

- All Sunday worship services will continue to be live-streamed.
- At least through the month of June we will continue to do our First Sunday of the month communion service via Zoom. This practice will be evaluated monthly and will not likely change until we are close to full attendance and participation.
- Reservations are no longer required for in-person attendance and we will not worry about capacity until we see attendance climbing over 80 people.
- Masks are required for ALL regardless of vaccination and will be worn throughout the service with the exception of vaccinated vocalists, choir members, the pastor, and liturgists while they are speaking or singing.
- We will begin singing (with masks) and all music will now be performed live.
- We will not be contact tracing (signing in) but you are expected to "self screen" when attending the service, meaning you will not come if you have any Covid symptoms or have been knowingly exposed to Covid. If you have attended service and realize you have contracted Covid or been exposed, it is your responsibility to notify Debby and Pastor Tad. At that point a message will go out to the whole church.
- We still encourage social distancing in the sanctuary and for you to sit with your family or those in your existing "pod."
- We encourage you to keep your conversations and fellowship outside of the church when entering and exiting and to expedite arrival and departure (no hanging out and talking in the aisles or pews or narthex).
- It is likely that we will remain masked in worship until our children ages 5-12 have been vaccinated.

Outdoor Gatherings

- When gathering outside of the church after services, masks are optional.
- Any church events that are outdoors, masks are also optional.

Other Indoor Gatherings:

- For other smaller indoor gatherings, members or attendees of the group, committee, or event may "self disclose" to the group leader that they are vaccinated. If all members/attenders have been vaccinated then masks are optional for the gathering or meeting. If not, then masks are still required.

Children and Youth

- For youth gatherings with those over the age of 12 (and leaders) masks are optional for indoor gathering, assuming there has been self disclosure of vaccination for all attendees. If not all have disclosed then masks are required. Outdoor gatherings for ages 12 and up, masks are optional.
- For gatherings with children under the age of 12 (and leaders), both indoor and outdoor, masks will be required except for children under the age of 4 in the nursery. Masks in the nursery are optional, depending on the compliance of the baby or toddler.
- Prime Time's protocols are based on their licensing and best practices and requirements for child care / extended learning centers. Their protocols only take precedence during their program hours. When using space for other church programming outside of Prime Time hours of operation the guidelines presented in this document take precedence. Meaning you follow our guidelines and not Prime Time's.

Rev. Tad Monroe - Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian Church