

May 1 – June 7

Guidelines around masks are changing, and we seek to be responsive to new information while maintaining practices to keep us all safe.

On May 14, the CDC announced the removal of their mask mandate and, within the week, Marion County health officials reiterated that the mask mandate remains in effect for us until June 7, 2021. **This means that we will continue to follow the guidelines outlined for Marion County that mandate all persons wearing masks when in the building and for gatherings outside.**

We will continue to monitor guidelines from the Federal, Indiana, and Marion County government agencies and consult with church leaders who are health care professionals to provide safety guidelines for our congregation. We anticipate that we will update our guidelines again prior to June 7 and will inform the congregation of any changes.

Guidelines effective June 7, 2021

Considering recent guidance, we are implementing the following changes:

1. The most important Safety Measure is for everyone in the congregation, staff, volunteers, and guests to refrain from coming into the church if they are showing any signs of symptoms of COVID or other illnesses.
2. Beginning Sunday June 13th masks will be optional for those who are fully vaccinated, in alignment with the CDC and Marion County recommendations. We continue to encourage mask wearing for anyone who has not been vaccinated, including children. (See # 5 below)
3. Masks will no longer be required at all outside meetings (parking lot, under the tent.)
4. Masks are optional for meetings or gatherings inside the building that do not include children.
5. Those working or volunteering in Children's and Middle School spaces or related events that are **in the building** will continue to be required to wear masks. Therefore, consistent with local school guidelines, masks will continue to be worn for inside gatherings of children. For outside events, masks are optional. High School age students will follow the same guidelines as adults.
6. Coffee and donuts will be provided in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. The Volunteer team will determine the procedure for safely serving coffee and donuts.