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Worship & Gathering Guidelines Update

Effective June 2–July 31, 2021

Following new guidance from the CDC and the updating of health orders from the Ohio Department of Health, First Pres Maumee has updated our COVID-19 Worship & Gathering Guidelines. Fully vaccinated individuals may participate in worship and other church-related activities without a facial covering and without socially distancing. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to protect themselves and others using mitigation measures, such as masking and social distancing.

** Please note, we will not be asking for vaccination verification.*

Worship on Main Level of the Sanctuary

On the main level of the Sanctuary, masks are optional for those that are fully vaccinated, however, anyone is allowed to continue wearing masks. Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to adhere to the CDC recommendations of continuing to wear a mask.

In addition, ropes have been removed from the pews and we are no longer dismissing pews at the end of worship. Hymnals and Bibles have been returned to the pews.

Mask-Required Spaces: Fellowship Hall

For those who would prefer to be seated in spaces where masks are required to be worn by those in attendance, these spaces are made available in the balcony and the fellowship hall. It is also expected that those in these spaces continue to social distance.

Nursery & Children's Church

Masks are still encouraged for indoor children's activities like children's church and the nursery, as children under 12 are not yet able to receive the vaccine.

Other Practices in Worship

We are continuing most of the other practices that were started in the pandemic – including using disposable communion kits and not passing the offering plates – so that we can thoughtfully plan for a return for these types of activities in the fall.