

COVID 19 Procedures for Calvary UMC

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On May 13, 2021, the CDC announced new precautionary guidelines for vaccinated individuals. They stated that vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks because the vaccines have been proven to reduce the transmission of COVID19 and its variants.

Additionally, according to data collected by our church, almost all of our regular attendees in worship and Sunday School have been fully vaccinated. Consequently, the following guidelines are being put into place based on CDC recommendations:

1. Masks are **no longer mandatory** while in the building. If you are regularly around unvaccinated individuals or other who are at high risk of serious illness, we encourage you to use your best judgment for masking. At this time, we are still encouraging children to be masked while in the building for their safety.
2. Socially distanced seating arrangements are no longer mandatory. The main floor of the sanctuary will have the post-it notes and ribbons removed and if you are vaccinated, you are welcome to sit anywhere you would like.
3. **The balcony will remain a socially distanced seating area. This area of the church will also be a mandatory mask zone.** We recognize that not everyone is able to receive a vaccine and we would like to make a space that is still safe for all individuals to participate in worship. (note: if you are not vaccinated, you are not required to sit in the balcony. The space is being set apart for those that wish to participate with us but in a safer way.
4. The hymnals and Bibles will be returned for use in the pews.
5. Regular disinfection of common high-contact surfaces will continue.
6. Singing will become more regular during worship.