

The Leadership of LvCC has prayerfully considered the increased activity and greater transmission rate of COVID-19 in our community and recent guidance about masks in spaces where people gather. We have determined to proceed with the guidelines, below. First and foremost, we ask that everyone be considerate, compassionate, and respectful. *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13.35)*

**Effective Monday, August 23 we respectfully request that everyone entering the church facilities wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.** Masks need not be worn if you are alone, eating, drinking, or if all in your group are vaccinated and show no signs of symptoms. Masks are strongly encouraged in outdoor spaces such as our tent and may be removed temporarily for eating and drinking.

**Staff and Volunteers** working with children and youth will be required to wear masks. It is strongly recommended that **school age children and youth** wear masks as they will be doing at school, but the final decision will be up to the parent(s)/guardian(s).

**Worship:** We believe it is important for people to be able to gather and worship, especially in difficult times. To that end, we endeavor to create an environment in which the most people possible will feel safe and comfortable coming together.

- We request that everyone entering the sanctuary wear a mask.
- Please enter from the back of the church on either the Kessler side or the chapel side. Those who need handicap access can use the door on the parking lot side.
- We will continue singing with masks on. For those who would prefer to remain distanced from those who are singing or just want extra space, there will be a substantial section marked off on the chapel side of the sanctuary. Please respect those who choose to sit in that area by minding social distancing. The size of this area may be adjusted as the weeks go on.
- The worship team and speakers may remove masks when singing or speaking but will keep at least 12 feet of distance from the congregation.
- Please join us online if you are showing any symptoms, have been exposed to COVID-19, or do not feel comfortable adhering to these guidelines.

#### **Discipleship Time, MOPS, and Bible Studies on site:**

Due to the smaller spaces involved, all participants are asked to wear a mask and maintain distanced seating out of consideration for varying comfort levels. We want as many people as possible to feel comfortable participating in class.

We have thoughtfully and prayerfully considered this course of action. We acknowledge there are different thoughts, opinions, and views on masks. We also understand and value that there are people with health conditions and concerns, and appreciate the understanding, care and respect for each person and their individual circumstances as we *“express our unconditional love”* to each other.

*So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* (Philippians 2:1-4)

Feel free to talk to an Elder or Pastor Dave if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings, LvCC Elders and Pastor Dave