

August 5, 2022

Dear First United Methodist Church family,

Since May, we have been publishing the below guidelines for gathering safely at First UMC based on the COVID-19 status in our community.

Dauphin County is now at Yellow (Medium) Community Level with a 27% positivity rate. As per our guidelines, masks will be required during Sunday worship or for other large group indoor gatherings, including Pastor Jenn's World Religions study.

Details on the CDC Community Levels guidance, which are determined by numbers of cases plus hospital admission data, may be found [HERE](#).

Here are the First UMC guidelines:

CDC Community Level = Green (Low)

- **Masks optional for all indoor gatherings**

CDC Community Level = Yellow (Medium)

- **Masks required for large group gatherings, such as Sunday worship**
- **Masks optional for small group gatherings**

CDC Community Level = Red (High)

- **Masks required for all indoor gatherings**

We continue to encourage those who are high risk for severe disease from COVID-19 (unvaccinated, elderly, or with underlying health problems) to wear masks during worship gatherings for their own protection regardless of the current level of transmission.

Please follow CDC recommendations if you were exposed to COVID, have a positive test, or have symptoms. CDC guidelines for quarantine and isolation can be found [HERE](#).

In Christ,

The First UMC Staff