

Updated Health & Welfare Guidelines

July 29, 2021

Extravagant hospitality means making space for all people, especially the most vulnerable in our midst. At Tucker First UMC we want everyone to feel safe and comfortable when they come to worship. In order to do that, the Health and Welfare Committee has continued to balance the scientific data on risk with the comfort level and desires of our members. Based on the current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, we are recommending the following:

New:

- This week the CDC updated their COVID-19 guidance to protect people from the Delta variant and now recommends that everyone wear masks indoors in public. DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties are experiencing transmission rates that reflect the CDC's new recommendations.
- We are requesting everyone honor this recommendation while at the church and wear masks, starting Sunday, August 1.
- At this time, we will continue to sing while wearing masks.
- We will also continue to provide sections of the sanctuary where physical distancing is required in addition to masks. Masks will now be optional in the common areas. Please continue to respect those who are masked with physical distancing.

Sunday School Classes and Small Groups

- As of June 13, Adult Sunday School classes and small groups are invited to resume classes in the building.
- If members of your class are not vaccinated and there are more than 10 members attending, please use one of the following options:
 - sign up to hold your class in either the Chapel or Jenkins to allow space for social distancing. To make a reservation contact Stephanie Shanholtzer in the church office (sshanholtzer@tfumc.org or 770-938-3030)
 - continue to hold your class via Zoom
 - hold your class outdoors
- Other specific COVID-19 protocols are up to the discretion of the individual Sunday School classes.

The Nursery

- As of June 13, a Nursery is available from 10:30 AM until about 12:30 pm for ages 6 months to 5 years.
- All Nursery attendants will be fully vaccinated and will wear masks.
- If your child is sick, please stay home.
- If you have any questions about the nursery, please contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these confusing times. The Health and Welfare Committee has thoughtfully and prayerfully strived to follow the CDC guidelines and maintain the safety and comfort of our most vulnerable congregants.