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New Mask Requirements

May 18, 2021

While churches have been exempt from the CDC and North Carolina Covid guidelines, we have always tried to be good citizens and help provide consistent mandates from schools to businesses to public gatherings to churches. After the CDC relaxed its mandate regarding masks last week, with Governor Cooper quickly following step, the Council of Christ Lutheran met Monday, May 17th and recommended the following changes to our current policies:

All Campuses

- Individuals who are fully vaccinated have the option to wear a mask or not, depending on your comfort level and pre-existing conditions.
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are still required to wear a mask indoors, including children/youth four years and older.
- Coffee will once again be available at all campuses beginning in June.
- Children and youth programs will reflect CMS Covid guidelines.

Christ Providence

- We will continue to rope off every other pew and clean between services.
- The balcony is open for those who want to attend in person but still want to maintain greater physical distancing, and for families who have concerns about their younger, unvaccinated children.
- SpiritSong and Christ Choir will resume for those who are fully vaccinated and feel comfortable in that setting.

Christ South

- Worship will be held outdoors beginning mid-June, masks are optional and only required when indoors.

Christ Concord

- Chairs will continue to be spaced for appropriate physical distancing.

As we live into these new protocols, we will trust that people will be honest about their vaccination, continue to monitor their health and exhibit no shaming on anyone for wearing or not wearing a mask. We will revisit these protocols again when we get closer to the Fall Kick-Off in September. Until that time, we will continue to offer communion at the end of each worship service so that the more numerous people watching online are not simply watching ten minutes of distribution.

