

ECC's Current COVID-19 Precautions

Updates from May 18, 2021

Dear friends,

I am writing to provide an update and a reminder concerning upcoming events at ECC. As you are aware, we have been carefully following the Monroe County health guidelines for gatherings in public spaces. We have limited the number of individuals who are able to be in the building during the week and we have followed the face covering mandate. As of yesterday, the face covering mandate in Monroe County has been eliminated, consistent with the new guidelines issued by the CDC.

We want to thank you for patiently complying with the mandate for more than a year now but it appears that there are significant changes that will allow us to carefully resume our normal activities. As of today, we will no longer limit the number of persons in the building at ECC. Additionally, we will not require the wearing of face coverings while in the building, including the sanctuary during worship. There may be those who are still uncomfortable, particularly those still unvaccinated, who will continue to wear face coverings. If for any reason you wish to continue using face coverings they will be available at the church. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary but we are pleased to invite folks to worship without face masks. Again, we thank you for your patience as we slowly return to a new normal.

Finally, I want to remind you of our upcoming congregational meeting on May 30th. Congregational meetings are always important and voting at those meetings is an expectation of church membership. At this meeting we will adopt our annual budget for 2021-2022. Additionally, there will be an important proposed amendment to our Constitution that involves changing the name of our church. We encourage you to be present at that meeting so that you might cast your vote on both of these important issues – the budget and proposed name change.

This has certainly been an unusual year for all of us and we definitely appreciate your prayers and financial support.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob

Hello friends,

Several questions have come in regarding masking for school-aged kids. The protocols we have in place for ECC Kids will remain: masking for children age 11 and under and for their teachers in Sunday School classrooms. We continue to follow the guidelines that have been put in place for our local school system. This "school system protocol" may change in the coming months. If there is a

change on masking requirements in the school system protocol, we will likely follow the new guidelines. However, at this point our children and teachers will be masked for safety purposes.

The Children's Ministry will be sending out an update concerning protocols for Camp Olivet. Thanks for your patience. I am sure there will be more clarifications in the future.

Bob