



Madison Street
 United Methodist Church
 319 Madison Street
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Policy
Facility Use during COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

Phase III - eff. August 15, 2021

The Church Council of Madison Street United Methodist Church intends to **promote maximum safety** for onsite/indoor church life activities, based on **CDC guidelines, AND** has **great hope & expectation of all** who wish to worship and/or participate in onsite activities to **comply to** the following infection control & prevention **protocols, AND** **emphatically requests** that all **non-vaccinated** participants comply to the CDC-recommended practice of **continuous indoor mask wearing**.

What groups/events could meet/happen onsite?



- Adult small groups
- Ministry team meetings
- Admin team meetings
- Fellowship Events
- Individually prepared/served Shared Meal Events
(not open/shared buffet)
- Staff planned discipleship & ministry programs/activities

~~DETAILS ATTACHED~~

Will all areas of the church facility be open/accessible?



Church staff will work with each group to decide what space should be utilized, based on the group size and intended activity

What health & safety protocols will be in place?



- Self screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming onsite.
- Social distancing, @3 ft
- Indoor mask wearing for all, within 3 feet of others, in shared spaces
- Optional mask removal in small group settings, for vaccinated participants
- Continuous Indoor mask wearing for non-vaccinated adults, youth and children ages 2 and older.

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*Staff planned children & youth activities may not automatically correlate to requested adult activities.

**Nursery care can be made available, upon request.

***Mask wearing applicable to those who can self don/doff a mask.

****Groups are asked to make their requests for facility usage though the church website:
madisonstreetumc.org >> events & registrations >> facility use form



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Details for Optional Mask Wearing

In our welcoming all to gather at Madison Street, we recognize that this includes COVID-vulnerable participants. Continued indoor mask wearing is recommended, but optional in certain circumstances.

Emerging CDC research indicates that fully vaccinated people without immunocompromising conditions may have much lower risk of acquiring or transmitting COVID-19, and could still be infected by or transmit (carry and shed a viral load) disease variants.

Church leadership will not monitor vaccine statuses or documentation.

Groups with a high proportion of immunized participants could be safe to gather in certain settings without masks.

In covenant with all group participants, fully vaccinated youth and adults may choose to remove masks during events. Small groups should honor all participants' comfort in sharing opinion, position or need for mask wearing/removal, as well as the intent of MSUMC to be COVID-safe and hospitable to all.

Church staff will continue indoor mask wearing when serving with children, youth and vulnerable/potentially vulnerable participants. Masking needs for staff during small gatherings and church business activities will be addressed case by case. Lay leaders are requested to do the same.

Those who cannot don/doff their own mask are not expected to wear one.

Continuous indoor mask wearing is **emphatically requested** for non-vaccinated youth and adults, and children aged 2-11.