

**Maple Springs' Face Covering Policy
as of August 20, 2021
from the Maple Springs UMC COVID Response Team**

**In response to the Winston-Salem City-Wide Face Covering Mandate of
August 16, 2021**

1. Everyone (age 5 and above) is to wear a face covering when in the building and not in their personal workspace (office or another room they are working alone in) or bathroom. In the presence of another unrelated person in their personal workspace, employees are wear a face covering unless the other party agrees to forgo the face covering.
2. When addressing a group (more than 4), the presenter may remove their face covering to address the group and replace their mask when their presentation is complete. The speaker should be at least 6' feet from others. Musicians and singers are considered as presenters in the context of worship and rehearsal.
3. When in groups of more than 4 in conversation, a speaker may remove their face covering for their comment/question and return it when their comment/question is complete. The participants should be at least 6' from others in the group.
4. At all other times in the group, everyone must be wearing a face covering, even when there is physical separation.
5. Any group of adults meeting in a small group (Sunday School, Bible Study, Wesley Group, Committee Meetings) may agree together, without objections, to forgo face coverings for some or all participants in their meeting room. Physical distance of at least 6' from each other unless related should be maintained. This exemption does not extend to worship services.
6. All staff and volunteers of Preschool, Children, and Youth ministries must wear face coverings during indoor activities. During outdoor activities, face coverings may be removed when physically distanced at least 6' from children and youth. Above procedure points #2, #3, and #4 apply to Preschool, Children, and Youth ministries.
7. A face covering can be removed for eating. Other "diners" should be at least 6' from each other unless related.