



November 10, 2021
Revised Covid Guidelines

Dear Lakeside Family,

Meeting in called session on Sunday, November 7, the Diaconate once again discussed our guidelines concerning the pandemic and the safety of our congregation. Over the past twenty-one months, our Deacons have made every decision concerning Covid based on the health and wellbeing of our congregation and community. That has been and remains their priority during this crisis.

After reviewing the declining rate of infections in our community coupled with increasing vaccination rates and surveying what is taking place in other congregations, the Deacons unanimously voted to remove the requirement for vaccinations and masks for worship and other full gatherings of the congregation while maintaining social distancing guidelines. While vaccinations and masks are not required, they are still encouraged as a means of keeping one another safe.

With that in mind, the Deacons agreed that individual groups within the church should have the privilege of deciding for themselves whether or not they would require vaccinations and/or masks for their meetings.

As we gathered last Sunday to remember our friends who are no longer with us, it was good to have so many of you back in the sanctuary. I can only hope—and pray—that our shared faith and affection will continue to help us overcome this challenge and enter a fresh and dynamic era of ministry together.

Jody Wright
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