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Recently, there have been significant changes in the COVID-19 policies and guidelines at both the state and federal levels. As a result, we as a staff have reviewed our own policies, and we are able to make accommodations as well. We will continue monitoring the latest numbers from the CDC and state health officials and regularly review where we are as a community, making changes to policy when and where we can, until all COVID-19 protocols have been removed. **Although we are getting closer, we aren't there quite yet.**

Beginning this Sunday, May 23, we will be ending social distancing and opening pews which have been closed this past year. We will also no longer require masks to be worn in outdoor spaces on campus. It is our hope people will gather outside after services to once again enjoy each other's company and share the many smiles we've all been missing.

We will continue to ask, however, that you wear your masks throughout your time in the buildings on our campus. This way we can continue to honor and respect everyone in our midst—especially those who are or could be medically compromised. This will enable our entire community to be able to safely and respectfully worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as one body.

Thank you for your patience as we journey through this emerging season into what life looks like post-COVID-19. We all look forward to a day when this is behind us and we can gather together and say, "remember when?" A time is coming when the many stories of God's faithfulness during this time will be shared, face to face unencumbered.

We are almost there. We've made many accommodations so far; let's finish strong!

Many Blessings!

