



## **MUMC COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE - OCTOBER 8, 2021**

### **MUMC COVID Masking and Social Distancing Protocol by Austin Public Health Stage Levels (current risk-based guidance dated August 5, 2021)**

The MUMC Administrative Team has reviewed and updated the following protocols based on the Austin Public Health risk-based stages. As the Austin area moves into the relevant APH stages, these requirements will take effect in our weekly in-person operations. Please review all information and familiarize yourself with the different requirements for each stage group. The church leadership will continue to monitor current statistics and government advisories and will send out a reminder of the APH stage in effect as the situation changes.

Stages 1 - 2: Masks are optional for all persons aged 12 and older participating in any indoor activities on MUMC property. Masks are required for children under age 12 and strongly recommended for persons over the age of 12 who are not fully vaccinated. The church recommends that each person practice safe social distancing and regular handwashing to minimize the potential for disease spread.

Stages 3 - 5: Masks are required for all persons participating in any indoor activity on MUMC property, regardless of vaccination status. MUMC will set up facilities to facilitate social distancing, including roping off every other pew, requesting in-person attendees to log their pew number (for any necessary contact tracing), and providing hand sanitizer stations.

Any person who feels uncomfortable participating in in-person activities on the MUMC property should consider participating online via Zoom (Sunday School Classes) or Facebook Live (Sunday worship services).

The church is concerned for the well-being of all persons, including those in the church and the local community. We would encourage you to consider how best to protect yourself and those around you, respecting attending in person and masking. Currently, the worship and Sunday School program schedule will not change, the Nursery will continue to be open, and all Sunday morning worship services will continue to meet in person and to be live-streamed on Facebook.

Current APH Guidelines: <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/covid-19-risk-based-guidelines>

***The MUMC Administrative Team***