

## **Change to Mask Requirements, August 15, 2021**

Session has been monitoring the COVID-19 infection status for Williamson County since the data was available in 2020. When we resumed church service several months ago based on the protocol Session developed, we were in the Yellow Stage - Moderate Community Spread. Since that time the Delta variant has increased to the point where the rate of infection is now Red - Uncontrolled Community Spread.

The original LPC protocol for Red was to close the Church for Sunday services; however, because vaccinations have been available since late last year; Session has agreed the Church should stay open for Sunday services; however, Session is implementing a mask mandate for anyone entering the church. The mask must remain in place at all times. The ONLY exemption is for those individuals on the dais during the church service.

Session understands masks are uncomfortable; but believe it is necessary to keep everyone safe and keep the Church open. Session also is aligned with the CDC recommendation for vaccinations.

In addition, Communion will be suspended; collection plates will be placed at the front and back of the church to eliminate/reduce unnecessary contact. If you forget your mask; disposable masks will be available.

Contact any Session member if you have questions.

We hope to continue to see your smiling but masked faces each Sunday.