

**Braddock Street United Methodist Church
COVID Protocols August 2, 2021**

Worship

Masks will be required by everyone (three years old and above) regardless of vaccination status.

Commonly touched items will be reduced:

No bulletins

No hymnals

No registration pads

No Name tags- if you want to wear yours, simply take it home with you.

Offering to be placed in baskets

No toys or table in the children's worship area

Communion: Prepackaged, self-service juice and bread will be used at least through September. The packets will be set on tables, spaced, so that people need only touch the one they will use.

Food or drinks will not be served in the gathering space.

Handwashing: Restrooms will be available, and hand sanitizers will be in the gathering space.

Microphones must be wiped if used by more than one person.

Nursery will be available at the 10:00 service. Children must be symptom free for 24 hours. We are currently staffed for ten people in the nursery (including workers). High touch areas and toys will be wiped down between use. Nursery staff will wear masks. Parents will not be allowed in the nursery. Children's temperatures will be checked when they enter.

Services will be shortened to 45 minutes to reduce exposure time, and to allow 30 minutes between services for aerosol to dissipate.

Social distancing: We encourage all to keep a safe distance from those not in your own household. Please be courteous and respectful of others, as you do not know their health situation.

Signage will be provided at the entrance with the following information:

Masks are not required (unless you are singing) for those who have been vaccinated. You certainly may wear one if you wish.

Please be respectful and keep a safe distance from those who are not in your household.

Singing

Masks are required for all while singing. The choir will be masked. Praise band participants will all be vaccinated, remain 25 feet from the congregation, but will be allowed to sing without masks.

Water Fountains will be left inoperable. Bottle filling station will be available.

Small Groups

Masks are recommended but not required if you are fully vaccinated among youth and adult small groups. Small groups are asked not to sing.

For children's small groups, masks are required for all (3 years old and up).

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Food and drink can be brought to a classroom if prepared ahead of time. It should be placed on a table and spaced for participants to pick up without touching anyone else's food.

Classes are encouraged to make their class schedule concurrent with the worship schedule, to allow for aerosols to dissipate and for the coordination of children's classes.

Transportation

Masks are required for those all being transported for a church function (if all are not in the same household).

Food: preparation and service

Monday Night Dinner: A plan for in person serving was developed in May, but we do not plan to serve in person until this fall. We are currently preparing and delivering 30-32 meals each Monday evening, to those who have difficulty getting transportation to a local food ministry. Currently, the basic need is being met, so we do not have a date to feed in person again.

Receptions:

Snack plates may be prepared ahead of time, for guests to pick up from tables. Plates should be spaced so that participants only touch their own plate.

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