

COVID Safety Considerations

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These COVID safety considerations are based on the current CDC information and recommendations regarding COVID-19 Community Levels for Olmsted County. These levels are based on a rating scale of “Low”, “Medium”, or “High”.

The following CDC websites will be used to determine our current Community Level:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Minnesota&data-type=Risk&list_select_county=27109

Please note: we will change levels in our congregation based on the levels in the community. This could happen quickly, and it could be that we jump from “Low” to “High” overnight. Please be aware of this as we seek to navigate this illness in a manner that is responsible, but also flexible.

HIGH

When the COVID-19 Community Level for Olmsted County is “High”:

Masks:

Properly worn masks, covering the nose and mouth, are required.

Surgical masks (or masks with a higher level of protection, such as KN94, KN95, or N95) must be used; cloth masks are not permitted.

Masks may be removed for eating and drinking, but need to be worn when not actively eating or drinking.

Music:

Choirs and breath-powered musical instrument groups may rehearse and perform, but must wear masks to do so.

Fellowship:

Eating and drinking for groups of 50 or fewer people is permitted.

MEDIUM

When the COVID-19 Community Level for Olmsted County is “Medium”:

Masks:

Properly worn masks, covering the nose and mouth, are required for worship.

Surgical masks (or masks with a higher level of protection, such as KN94, KN95, or N95) must be used; cloth masks are not permitted.

Masks are not required for small group meetings, unless there will be singing; in that case, masks must be worn.

Music:

Choirs and breath-powered musical instrument groups may rehearse and perform, but must wear masks to do so.

Fellowship:

Eating and drinking for groups of 100 or fewer people is permitted.

LOW

When the COVID-19 Community Level for Olmsted County is “Low”:

Masks:

Masks are optional.

Music:

Choirs and breath-powered musical instrument groups may rehearse and perform.

Fellowship:

Eating and drinking for groups of any size is permitted.