

Bethesda UMC COVID Protocols

(effective September, 2021)

- ◆ Masks are required for all indoor activities, per Montgomery County guidelines, regardless of vaccination status or age (children under two are exempt), with one exception:
Fully vaccinated worship leaders in the chancel area may speak and sing unmasked, but will maintain at least 3 feet of social distance from each other and at least 6 feet from the congregation in the pews.
- ◆ All individuals are asked to respect social distancing from others and avoid shaking hands or hugging.
- ◆ All visitors to the building and church events are asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building or event and throughout their time at the event.
- ◆ If you don't feel well or are exhibiting any COVID-like symptoms, please stay home, and consider joining us via one of our online options or when you are feeling better.

In addition to the above guidelines, BUMC requires the following protocols for activities involving children and youth:

- ◆ In accordance with CDC guidance, mask wearing and social distancing of at least 3 feet will be maintained for all activities involving children and youth under the age of 12, except when otherwise impractical or unsafe, such as eating or when doing activities involving water.
- ◆ All staff and volunteers who work with children and youth must be fully vaccinated.
- ◆ BUMC will mirror the COVID-19 guidelines established by Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery County government, and the CDC for classroom and other activities with young people, unless otherwise stated.

Questions? Email us at BethesdaUMC@washmorefeet.org