

COVID Protocols

The following is an updated (8/25/21) COVID protocol for Concord United Methodist in light of rising COVID cases, particularly among children, the latest guidance from the CDC, and the Holston Conference. This protocol will be reviewed and adjusted regularly as COVID transmission rates and case counts change.

Worship

Masks are not required for adults in the worship areas. You are encouraged to wear a mask to help protect children and other unvaccinated persons. We strongly encourage persons who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask for your safety.

Parents will determine if kids and students wear masks in traditional and contemporary worship. Families are encouraged to sit together and maintain spacing from others.

Vaccinated Worship leaders (speakers, singers, instrumentalists) on the chancel/stage will not be required to wear masks. Unvaccinated worship leaders should wear a mask on the stage/chancel for their own protection. They will be encouraged to wear them in other settings.

All technical support personnel, staff and volunteers, will be required to wear a mask.

Kids and Students

To protect our kids and students:

- All kids and students ages 3 and above will be required to wear a mask indoors during Kid's Worship and Sunday School. Staff and volunteers will also be required to wear a mask.
- Nursery workers will be required to wear masks.
- Students, staff and volunteers will be required to wear a mask at all indoor student activities including small groups, classes, and Student Band.

Adult Small Groups and Classes

Adult groups where participants have been vaccinated may gather without masks, though masks are encouraged. Persons who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.

Mission Events

Mission events that include only adults will not require but encourage participants to wear a mask. Indoor mission events that include kids and students will require all persons aged 3 and above to wear a mask.