

Guidelines for Indoor Gatherings by Metrics

As we gather indoors, we commit to the in-person Gathering guidelines as an act of care for one another and our broader community, respecting that each of us will have varying levels of comfort as we do so. Whether joining Gatherings with others from your household or not, or with those in your “committed circle” (the people who you’ve been in regular contact with = “unit”), please be prepared to adhere to the following guidelines *by metrics outlined by the CDC Covid Dashboard for [Marion County and Hamilton County](#)*. Adherence to changing guidelines will be based on the highest level of threat metrics within Marion and/or Hamilton County. Any new changes to these guidelines will be communicated prior to affected Gatherings.:

Constants at all levels of metrics:

- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at Gatherings.
- Windows and doors will be opened as weather allows & some outdoor Gatherings will be held (during which we’ll adhere to blue level metric guidelines with adequate spacing/distance given based on actual yellow/orange level metrics at that time).
- Please stay home and well if you have a covid symptoms. Out of an abundance of caution, we encourage the ten day quarantine (over five day) for anyone who has had covid. Do let us know if you are sick and at home so we can not only provide care and connection, but plan Gatherings accordingly.
- For the safety of everyone, and in order to love one another well, we ask that if you can’t adhere to these guidelines that you kindly refrain from attending in person.
- **In the event that Gathering plans change (i.e. moving to online/Zoom only or outdoors), we’ll communicate by 9am Sunday morning via email and social media.**

Green:

- The use of masks is *optional* for ages 2+.
- Regular practices within the Gatherings resume (coffee/food, communion, passing of the peace, singing).

Yellow:

- The use of masks is *highly recommended* for ages 2+. Music leaders and speakers will not be required to wear masks as they lead/speak.
- The Gathering space will continue to be set up to allow those who want to maintain a six-foot distance between themselves and others to do so.

Orange:

- The use of masks is *required* for everyone ages 2+ (including leaders/speakers). The use of KN95/N95 or surgical masks are *encouraged* over fabric masks.
- Please do your best to keep a *minimum* of six feet between you and those around you.
- Children will be required to wear masks throughout the duration of any kids ministry (PreK-5th grade) being offered, in individual/family spaces, seated far enough apart from one another that they will not be touching. In the event that children cannot adhere to these guidelines within kids specific ministry spaces, they will be asked to rejoin their guardian(s).
- **Additional precautions may include:**
 - No coffee/drinks or food provided.
 - Utilizing and exploring other forms of communal worship practices in lieu of signing.
 - Cutting out “passing of the peace” (which will also shorten our time together just a bit).

Zoom remains an option to join Gatherings (the link may be found on the [Trinity website homepage](#)).

Your flexibility is appreciated as we make changes with fluctuating circumstances!