

Trinity UMC Covid Protocols Revised August 2021

In order to continue in-house worship and other activities,
the Administrative Council has adopted the following protocols:

1. Face masks are required indoors. This is to comply with the CDC recommendations that face masks should be worn in indoor public spaces. This includes all activities which are open to the public. Masks will be provided to individuals who do not have one. The mask requirement will be communicated in all outreach media and by email to the congregation.
2. Singing with masks on will be permitted at this time. The choir may remain in the choir loft, masked, to lead singing.
3. Ushers will collect offering by passing the plates.
4. Custodian will make sure that the sanctuary and other church areas are sanitized and cleaned before and after each service. Hand-sanitizer will be available at each entrance and in each bathroom. Additionally, sanitizing wipes will be available in each bathroom.
5. HEPA filters will be used in the HVAC systems serving the sanctuary and other areas of the building.
6. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered in the following manner:
 - *The servers will wear masks and set the elements on the altar for each person to partake and step back from rail while person is partaking the elements.
 - *Ushers will invite persons to come forward to maintain safe distancing.
 - *The elements will be presented to each individual in two disposable communion cups; there will be an oyster cracker in one and grape juice in the other.
 - *Communicants will dispose of their cups in the receptacles provided and return to their seats by the outside aisles.
7. Fellowship meals will be suspended until we are able to gather without masks.
8. If a person is in a risk category, unable to wear a mask, feeling sick, or have a fever, they should remain at home and continue worshipping online. Online worship will be continue to be available by Wednesday of each week.
9. These protocols will be revised as required by the incidence and spread of Covid in our community.