

Now that we have our Medify Air Filters in place and the [CDC Community Spread](#) levels for Champaign County have dropped to Medium (yellow), Community United Church of Christ's COVID Policy will change as documented in the October eCommunigram.

When we are at yellow or green masks will be optional, with the following caveats:

- *Masks are required for anyone who is sick with any illness or symptomatic even if testing negative for COVID.*
- *Masks are required if an attendee has a COVID positive household member or is recovering from COVID between days 5-10 or beyond as recommended by the CDC.*
- *Singers and worship leaders who display symptoms of illness while at choir practice or service will be asked to put on a mask or go home immediately.*
- *As recommended by Julie Pryde, a section of the church will be reserved behind maskless parishioners for people who want more protection against Covid transmission, so as to have appropriate air flow and no unmasked people talking or singing behind them.*

As was introduced several Sundays ago, the Passing of the Peace is returning for those who wish to participate. Anyone who wants to elbow bump or shake hands can step out of their pew and greet one another. Those who do not want to be so close together can stay in their pew and flash peace and greeting signs with everyone as we have done throughout the pandemic.

Now that our filters are in place and running, worship leaders and soloists can remove their masks as long as they have no symptoms and all other caveats mentioned above. When there is an unmasked person at the front, we will suggest a few rows of buffering there for appropriate distancing.

Coffee hour will return indoors after our filters arrive and we have enough volunteers to make it happen. While we are in red/high community transmission, masks will be required unless you are actively eating and drinking. When we are in yellow or green, masks will be optional, filters will be running, and coffee hour will continue.

The Jubilee Cafe serving team will be in contact with the Covid policy task force. We have gotten advice from CUPHD and will make the best decisions for our guests and servers. Now that our air filters are in place and running, we are making plans to return to serving indoors.

During retreats we will have everyone test before the event. If you need to have a rapid test provided, please talk with Pastor Leah. If Covid risk is in red/high community transmission, we will unmask only if everyone agrees. If anyone prefers that we mask, reach out to Pastor Leah prior to the event and everyone will mask except for eating and sleeping. If we are in yellow or green retreats will be mask optional.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the COVID Protocol Task Force: Erin Ewoldt (Moderator), Johnalene Radek (Incoming Moderator), Elizabeth Shack (Past Moderator), Kathy Lee (Music Director), and Reverend Leah Robbets-Mosser (Pastor).