



COVID August Update

In light of the recent spiking of COVID cases, hospitalizations, and medical predictions, the Trustees met last night to discuss our church's response. We talked at length about local, national and global trends, noting medical facts and concerns by health experts. We shared various levels of protocol recently taken by local businesses, schools, and government agencies. The Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex is ripe to dramatically spread the Delta variant, with Dallas County new cases anticipated to exceed 2,000 per day. Therefore, after much discussion the Trustees unanimously

recommend wearing masks

inside our campus buildings,
whether vaccinated or not.

This is right in line with the CDC's current guideline, and collective evidence indicates it is the responsible thing to do. Of course, we will continue to offer masks and hand sanitizer at worship entrances. To be clear, the language that we "*recommend wearing masks*" suggests a voluntary measure. There will be no policing or enforcing. What's more, our recommendation has no effect on social distancing. As before, our protocols will adjust with the increase and decrease of the risks.

One of John Wesley's early group rules was to do no harm. Stronger still, Paul counseled Christians to live in such a way related to secular matters so as to avoid causing others to stumble (Romans 14:13-23.) Let this Christ-like approach guide our attitudes and behaviors as we navigate this pandemic together. And finally, join us in praying that this most recent spike is short lived.

Daily in Jesus' name,


Rev. Jeff Garrett, Lead Pastor