

Grand Avenue UMC Trustees Announce New COVID Guidelines

The COVID numbers have been in steady decline in our county, and many in our congregation have been vaccinated. In response, our Trustees have voted to amend our COVID policies to give everyone a bit more freedom while maintaining a safe environment for all. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Beginning Sunday, May 9:

- We will no longer require temperature checks to enter the building.
- We will offer in-person worship at 8:30 as well as 10:45. (We will continue to offer opportunities online as well.)
- We will re-open the doors at the Quapaw Entrance for those attending worship. (Enter at Quapaw for worship at 8:30; enter at Quapaw or at the Office for worship at 10:45.) Greeters will continue to record names and phone numbers for all who attend.
- We will continue to require that everyone wear a mask while inside the church for any activity including worship, but we will open additional pews and relax “social distancing.” (Seating in classrooms at the back of the Sanctuary will be reserved for those who still choose to practice “social distancing.”)
- Sunday School classes and other groups will not resume regular meetings yet; however, groups are encouraged to meet in Fellowship Hall. Call the Church Office to schedule your meeting (501-623-5626).
- Meals will be served in Fellowship Hall, but only as part of our bereavement ministry.

For more information, contact the church office (501 623-5626). For other activities, see the CDC guidelines below.

CDC Guidelines for Choosing Safer Activities

If you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing many things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic. When choosing safer activities, consider how COVID-19 is spreading in your community, the number of people participating in the activity, and the location of the activity. Outdoor visits and activities are safer than indoor activities, and fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely, without much risk.

The CDC has published the charts below, with the green symbol representing the safest; the yellow symbol is less safe; and the red symbol is the least safe.

Outdoor Activity:		
Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People	Unvaccinated People
Walk, run, roll or bike outdoors with members of your household		
Attend a small outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends		
Attend a small outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people		
Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households		
Attend an outdoor, crowded event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event		

Indoor Activity:		
Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People	Unvaccinated People
Visit a barber or hair salon	 Safest	 Less Safe
Go to an uncrowded indoor shopping center or museum	 Safest	 Less Safe
Ride public transport with limited occupancy	 Safest	 Less Safe
Attend a small indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	 Safest	 Less Safe
Go to an indoor movie theater	 Safest	 Least Safe
Attend a full-capacity worship service	 Safest	 Least Safe
Sing in an indoor chorus	 Safest	 Least Safe
Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	 Safest	 Least Safe
Participate in an indoor, high-intensity exercise class	 Safest	 Least Safe