Grand Avenue UMC Trustees Announce Updates to COVID Guidelines

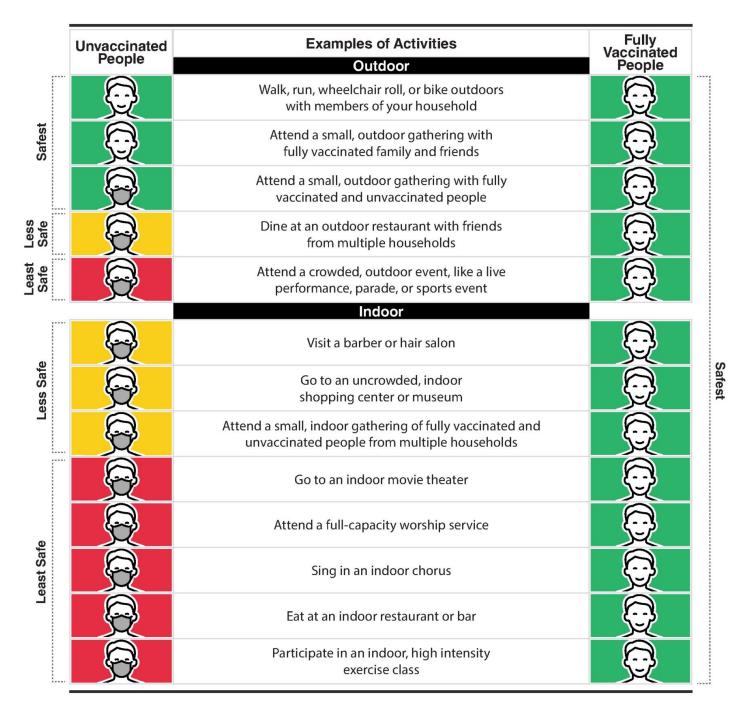
The COVID numbers have been in steady decline in our county, and many in our congregation have been vaccinated. In response to new guidelines from the CDC, our Trustees have voted to relax our COVID policies while maintaining a safe environment for all. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. As of Sunday, May 23:

- We no longer require temperature checks to enter the building.
- We offer in-person worship Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. (We will continue to offer opportunities online as well.)
- We have re-opened the doors at the Quapaw Entrance on Sunday mornings (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.
- Mask wearing is optional following CDC guidelines: Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a
 mask or socially distance. Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear a mask and practice social
 distancing. Regular hand washing is recommended for all. (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 may resume regular meetings in person beginning June 1.
- Meals will be served in Fellowship Hall, but only as part of our bereavement ministry. Pre-packaged snacks may be served to children and youth. Individuals may bring a personal beverage in a sealed container.

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

CDC Guidelines for Choosing Safer Activities

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.



Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed

Take prevention measures

Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.