

Covid-19 safety policy

March 21st, 2022

Background:

This policy will replace the longer policies that have been in place focusing on several key areas of safety. The goal is to provide a safe place for all and allow those who are more vulnerable to health complications due to COVID-19 to be able to participate in the life of the church.

The board will review this policy again at the end of March.

While there is no longer a need for contact tracing, we have discovered that there is a benefit to having a sign in sheet at the entrance near the CE Hall. This list allows us to know who is in the building, what areas may need to be cleaned, and are helpful in case of a need to vacate the building (ex. in case of a fire).

The Policy

This policy applies to visitors, worshipers, user groups, and all who enter the building. These policies are set to minimize the risks of COVID-19 and care for the vulnerable.

Proof of Vaccination

All who attend in-person worship at Grace United are required to provide proof of vaccination. This includes weddings, funerals, and special services. Groups/renters, including church groups, are responsible for setting their own policies. Proof of vaccination is not required to enter the building for other purposes (ex. dropping off something to the office). Staff have already provided proof of vaccination.

Mask requirement

All those who enter the building are required to wear a properly fitted masks (covering their mouth and nose) while attending worship and in all common areas of the church. Groups/renters, including church groups, are responsible for setting their own policies around masks once in their designated rooms. Groups are responsible for communicating and enforcing the mask requirement in the common areas of the church.

Coffee-Time

At this time indoor organized social times around worship services will not include food or drink. Space in the CE Hall will be set up for people to visit following the service. Masks are required to be worn.

Receptions (including Funeral and Wedding)

Currently Grace United is unable to provide space for funeral and wedding receptions and we encourage people to find other venues for these receptions.