

As of May 17, Governor Cuomo updated the NYS guidance to follow that of the CDC. Effective Wednesday, May 19, 2021:

- New York State will adopt the CDC's new mask and social distancing guidance for vaccinated people.
- Per CDC, immunocompromised and unvaccinated people should continue to wear a mask and social distance.
- Consistent with CDC, masks are still required on public transportation, in nursing homes, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, schools, and health care facilities.
- As per New York State, individual private venues may still impose additional requirements.

The new guidance states that it is no longer necessary to wear masks or to socially distance if someone is fully vaccinated. The Department of Health continues to **recommend** masks and six feet of social distancing for indoor venues where the vaccination status of an individual is unknown.

With that in mind, here are the updated plans for FBBC:

- Masks are no longer a requirement for fully vaccinated people.
- Those that are fully vaccinated can sing without a mask.
- Regarding seating in the church — find the place you are most comfortable with regarding those around you.
- We have used the phrase “family clusters” to refer to those people that live in the same household that can sit right next to each other — adjust the sanctuary chairs accordingly.
- If you feel uncomfortable with people around you not wearing a mask — feel free to wear masks at your own discretion.
- Parents, use discretion regarding masks for your children and whatever you are comfortable with in the public spaces of the church.
- If you or a family member have a cold or flu-like symptoms please stay home — the Lord is not impressed with church members knowingly spreading germs to their church family.

Thank you again for being understanding, flexible and patient as our church navigates each new challenge and phase of public health policy . We will keep you updated if and when other changes occur.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Pastor Scheer