

MAIN STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COVID PROTOCOLS

We seek to be a community that is inclusive, hospitable, and safe for all people. To this end, our Council has adopted the following COVID safety protocols:

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has developed a system of Green, Yellow, and Orange Community Levels based on hospitalization rates, hospital burden, and case rates. We will rely on the CDC Level for our county in adjusting our COVID safety protocols. Leaders of programs that pose special risks because of the vulnerability of participants may adopt stricter rules than those listed below. The Minister and Moderator, acting together, may impose stricter protocols for the whole church until the Executive Council can meet to revise these protocols. Regardless of the community level, anyone experiencing virus symptoms or with known exposure is asked to worship online and refrain from other building use.

CDC Community Level	General Policies	Choir Policies
Green (Low)	Masks are optional, but always acceptable and welcome. Church activities and building use may proceed with reasonable precautions for public health	Masks are optional
Yellow (Medium)	Masks are recommended at worship services and other indoor group events or when social distancing of three or more feet is not possible; and if you are at high risk of getting very sick or have household or social contact with someone at high risk.	Masks are suggested at rehearsals, and optional when performing
Orange (High)	Masks are required for all building use	Masks are always required

Each Thursday evening, after the CDC updates the level for our congregation's county, the church will update its website and signage to show the current level and the rules that will apply this weekend. To protect the public, boundaries must be drawn, and sometimes rules will change based on small differences. We will be stronger if we have a useful structure in place for connecting our congregations' protocol with whatever guidance our scientific leaders provide.