

## Updated Covid-19 Guidelines: September 2021

*As we continue to monitor the current health situation and guidance from the CDC and local health authorities, RCB will begin the program year with a “Phase 1” reopening. We will continually review the situation and be prepared to pivot as necessary.*

### **Sunday Worship and Adult Small Group Ministries**

- Anyone who is vaccinated, with 14 days elapsed since the vaccination, is **not required** to wear a face covering. However, since Westchester County is currently considered a “high transmission” area, the CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors in group settings.
- Anyone who has not been vaccinated **is required** to wear a face covering at all times.
- Social distancing (staggered pews, six-foot separation) will remain in place indoors for everyone; social distancing outdoors is encouraged for those who are vaccinated and required for those who are unvaccinated.
- Congregational singing has been suspended; choirs will perform all music.
- We do not require evidence of vaccination for worship and small group participants; we trust all members and visitors to use the “honor system.”

### **Church Staff and Regular Program Volunteers** (Including adult choir members, Church School teachers, and on-site program leaders)

- All church staff are required to be vaccinated or be tested once per week (proof required).
- All volunteer choir members and instrumentalists, as well as professional musicians, are required to be vaccinated (proof required). Masks and social distancing are required in rehearsals and public performance.
- Any regularly participating on-site volunteer—for example, ushers or youth group support volunteers (see below)—is required to be vaccinated (proof required).

## **Children and Youth Programs, Including Choirs and Youth Groups**

- All Church School teachers and support volunteers working with children and youth are required to be vaccinated (proof required).
- Middle School Youth Group, High School Youth Group, and Fourth & Fifth Grade Ministries will meet outdoors whenever possible.
- Any youth group participant not vaccinated, including children under 12, is required to wear a mask and social distance both inside and outside.
- When meeting indoors, program leaders and regular volunteers working with children and youth in any program are required to be masked regardless of vaccination status. (For youth group volunteers only, when meeting outdoors masking is optional.)
- All youth choir members 12 and older are required to be vaccinated. In addition, masks and social distancing are required in rehearsals and public performance.

## **Community Groups**

- Until further notice, the Church will remain closed to community groups.