

## Updated Covid-19 Guidelines: November 2021

*As we continue to monitor the current health situation and guidance from the CDC and local health authorities, RCB has moved to a “Phase 2” 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 “substantial” 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.
- Open pews toward the front of the Sanctuary are available for vaccinated congregants. Those who are unvaccinated are asked to sit in the socially distanced, staggered pews in the back two-thirds of the Sanctuary.
- Congregational singing has been reinstated, but anyone singing must wear a mask. Those who have been vaccinated may remove their masks after singing, if they wish.
- 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**

- The Church is gradually opening to outside community groups, though for now space usage is restricted to Congregational Hall on weeknights and weekends when Church programs are not meeting there.