

Report from the Reopening Task Force  
November 9, 2021

Two topics were discussed:

1. Food at church events

A. Small groups (<50 individuals) may hold events in the church that include food. This includes church-related groups and church-based services such as funerals. Everyone attending these events should be vaccinated.

i. If the church is to provide the food, the leader of the event must work with the Hospitality Coordinator to arrange for the event and decide what will be served and how.

ii. The Hospitality Coordinator will establish policies around how food is prepared and served for these events to maximize the safety of those serving and preparing the food and those attending.

iii. Seating will be in large spaces such as Fellowship Hall or the Narthex (when other events in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Fellowship Hall are not occurring). Seating at tables will be for individual family units or for a maximum of 4 persons per table, spaced appropriately. Youth groups may make use of their own spaces provided social distancing is maintained or the events are held outside.

iv. Groups less than 50 may choose to provide their own food but will be responsible for set up and cleanup of the event. The church will set up tables and chairs, but the leaders of the event will be responsible for making arrangements for serving food and cleanup after the event.

B. There will be no food service in the Narthex after services or concerts. This will avoid forcing unvaccinated or uncomfortable individuals to be exposed to those choosing to eat or drink unmasked.

C. While the Contemporary Service is suspended during November and December, we will serve coffee in the Fellowship Hall for those who want to gather after worship. This will allow separation between those who have removed their masks and those who are more vulnerable. In January, we will reassess this considering trends in COVID cases and the response of the church membership and staff to this approach.

2. Mask Policy-New signs will be placed on all entrances to the building, replacing the current signs. They will read: "For the protection of our staff and those around you, please wear a mask in this building at all times when you are interacting with others, regardless of your vaccination status."