



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

COVID19 Safety Plan

By vote of the Congregation Council of Messiah Lutheran Church, the following changes will be made to our COVID19 Safety Plan **effective Friday, December 3rd, 2021**:

- Masks will continue to be worn at all times during indoor events, meetings and gatherings sponsored by the congregation, regardless of vaccination status, with two exceptions:
 - When a staff member or volunteer is practicing social distancing from those outside their household and is publicly speaking, singing, leading worship or conducting a similar activity when unmasking has been deemed necessary by the Senior Pastor or President.
 - When staff, volunteers and guests are seated and eating and/or drinking.
- At all indoor events, meetings and gatherings where eating and/or drinking is taking place, an additional layer of safety will now be required:
 - All staff, volunteers and guests will sign in for contact tracing purposes and submit to a no-contact temperature check.
 - All staff, volunteers and guests will answer the three screening questions below. If they answer yes to any of those questions, they will not be able to enter the event.

Screening and contact tracing will continue whenever the Schenectady County positive test rate is above 5% according to the CDC. Masks will continue to be required whenever the CDC designates Schenectady as having a high transmission rate.

Screening Questions

1. Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID19?
2. Have you tested positive for COVID19 in the past 14 days; and/or experienced any symptoms of COVID19 in the past 14 days?
3. Are you unwilling or unable to comply with Messiah's COVID19 Safety Plan? This includes **wearing a mask at all times when indoors, except when seated and eating/ drinking or having your portrait taken**. This plan also includes signing in for contact tracing purposes and having a no-contact temperature check.