

Hello friends,

The CDC made changes regarding COVID last week. Trinity's COVID task force was able to meet Tuesday night for conversations and made the following recommendations to PPC yesterday, who came back with a unanimous response of positive approval.

So here is what you need to know:

Since the onset of the pandemic, our church leadership has relied on CDC guidance to implement policies that would best help to keep our church family safe. In light of the new CDC guidance and Berks County's current community level rated as 'Low,' PPC, with the guidance of our Covid Task Force, has decided to no longer require that masks be worn in the church building. Effective immediately, masks are welcome, but no longer required.

This policy allows our anyone who enters our building to continue to wear masks or not wear masks based upon the CDC guidance and individual circumstances or preferences, without fear of judgment or assumptions about the reason for the personal choices made.

We will also be removing the tape from pews in the sanctuary to allow for seating in every pew. We trust that you all, our church family, will be respectful of each other's wishes and comfort for distancing while worshipping together in our sanctuary. One of Trinity's gifts is that of hospitality, especially when people enter the building. It is good to remember

to check with folks about whether it is okay to join them, if they are already sitting down – again, because their level of comfort may be much different than yours. Also, because many new faces have joined us over the past 2 years, this may also be a good time for introductions or reintroductions.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that our beloved coffee and donut hour will be resuming on Easter Sunday. We'll kick off the resumption of this tradition with a "Sticky Bun Sunday," coinciding with the celebratory Easter Sunday services. That being said we are looking for folks to help make sticky buns and serve as hosts for Easter Sunday. If you can help with that fellowship, please call the church office.

On the Sundays after Easter until Memorial Day, we will have donuts, coffee and juice on a weekly basis. If you can help hosting any of those Sundays, please call the church office. We will need many hands as we resume this time of gathering. We need and appreciate your presence to make this happen.

On behalf of the staff and PPC, I extend an enormous thank you to the COVID task force for helping to navigate us through these uncertain and constantly changing times.

We, the COVID task force, PPC and staff, are grateful for the patience, grace and support of this community at Trinity as we have navigated pandemic life for the last two years. It has not been easy, and difficult decisions have been made. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor CDC guidance and COVID conditions as we move forward, and we will continue to implement

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changes as warranted, prayerful that the worst is indeed behind us and we can continue to move forward together in good health and safe fellowship.