

Masks at Wayside

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this challenging time, as we are hopeful to be transitioning away from the pandemic with Covid-19, the Reopening Committee of Wayside has met to provide new guidance to the church.

Here is the new direction for masks at Wayside:

“Due to the decrease of local infection rates and the updated CDC guidelines, we are no longer asking that all persons wear masks in the Wayside building, effective immediately. Families and individuals are to make their own assessment of their risk factor in the wearing of masks in the building at Wayside.

Teachers and caregivers of young children who are not able to be vaccinated, should wear masks in classrooms.

Bipolar air handling systems are set and working at their optimum, please do not adjust them. If Erie County returns to high risk, a recommendation for masks at Wayside may resume.”

It is important to note that many will continue to wear masks. As sisters and brothers in Christ, everyone honors each other's decision in this regard. In classrooms and nurseries teachers and caregivers will be masked for the safety of children who have not been vaccinated.

Acknowledging that this is a transitional time, let us be patient and understanding with each other. In the buildings and grounds of Wayside, as well as elsewhere in our community, let us follow Christ's commandment that we love our neighbor, and reflect the light of God's love.

Yours in Christ,

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