

BuxMont Sunday Morning Reopening COVID-19 Policies for In-person Worship, RE, and Fellowship

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The below is an attempt to balance things and manage our collective risk as much as possible while also allowing more decisions to be made by individuals and families. While it is impossible to provide 100% guarantee against transmission of any air-borne illness, we believe the policies below will provide reasonable safety for the greatest number, and they will be frequently re-evaluated and adjusted as needed.

Those who wish to be in the building at present must be able to say YES to these statements for themselves and any family members with them:

1. Are you & your family as **vaccinated** as possible?*
2. Are you & your family **free of** any COVID **symptoms or** recent known **exposure**?
3. Will you and your family 2 yrs and older **wear a mask** at all times while in the building?

**The idea of these three statements is that if you have a young person in your family 5-11 or 12+ that they are fully vaccinated before you return to in-person activities. And if you are an adult, you are also fully vaccinated and boosted. If you have any respiratory symptoms we are asking that you stay home until they pass. And our mask policy remains in effect.*

If the above three things are true, then you will be able to gather in our building if the below items are also true:

- We are adjusting our threshold for in-person Sunday morning programming (with online participation possible) to under 75 cases per 100K in Bucks County. We “make the call” on Wednesday afternoons most weeks and update our website accordingly. If we are at 75 or more cases per 100K we are fully online, if less, we are hybrid. We use Covid ActNow’s data - https://covidactnow.org/us/pennsylvania-pa/county/bucks_county/
This shift is due to our adult population being very highly vaccinated and our local county numbers for other indicators such as open ICU beds remaining very good.
- Starting February 13, we invite our entire community to worship, Religious Education programming will also resume - <http://www.buxmontuu.org/education/childrens-religious-education/>

These are our current other policies related to COVID-19:

- Fellowship staff, Sunday morning presenters, RE & childcare staff will be required to keep proof of vaccination status on file at the Fellowship.
- Masking is required for everyone ages 2+ when we are in Orange, Red, and Dark Red on Covid ActNow and Masking is optional when we are in Yellow and Green.
- A socially distant seating arrangement remains in effect.
- Singing (with masks) will be allowed beginning on February 13th.
- The Order of Service and hymns will be shown on our new video monitors. Hymnals and print Orders of Service are available to pick up on a table in the social hall.
- No food will be served at gatherings while in Red or Dark Red, food is possible when in Orange, Yellow, or Green.
- If, following a visit to BuxMont, you are diagnosed with COVID please email Rev. Kevin ASAP, along with a list of any activities in which you participated.