



May 18, 2021

We are happy to announce an update to our COVID protocols at Grace in light of new CDC and state of Illinois recommendations and guidelines.

- Ministry opportunities remain open for absolutely everyone, whether vaccinated or not, whether young or old, whether long-term members or new guests. We hope to see every one of you as you feel comfortable.
- Social distancing between family units continues to be recommended in worship and classroom settings.
- Beginning Sunday, May 23, masks will be optional for worship and classroom settings in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Individuals who have compromised immunity or wish to continue to wear masks for any reason are fully and gladly encouraged to do so. We will reserve a section in the worship center designated for masks and social distancing with seating in every other row in order to provide more space.
- Beginning Sunday, May 23, you may sit in any row in the sanctuary. The designated section for masks will continue seating every other row.
- Since children through the age of 11 are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, masks are required for children, parents, and volunteers in the children's hallway and classrooms through 6th grade. This requirement will go through June 30 and include Vacation Bible School.
- If you are in an at-risk group, please know that we continue to pray for you. We look forward to the time when you feel comfortable returning to church activities and worship.

We are comfortable with this update due to the availability of vaccines for everyone ages 12 and up and the good news about the state of the pandemic in our area. These guidelines apply to all weekday and weekend activities and ministry functions. We look forward to seeing you at church!