

Dear Franconia Mennonite Congregation

This is the latest in a series of monthly notes with guidance from the Leadership Team on reducing the risk of Covid transmission during church gatherings inside.

We are aware that our message with slides & wording, during the month of May, has seemed contradictory to some of you. Thanks for your faithfulness and patience.

The public health trends – infections & vaccinations – have been positive in the last few weeks. Recent government rules and commercial practices reflect these encouraging signs.

Our congregational plans for June 2021 (see below), in many respects, mirror the changes around us. We have included additional months so you can see the step-by-step approach we have taken.

Let us be reminded by Scripture, written by the Apostle Paul and inspired by God:

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ...Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

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FMC Inside-the-Building COVID Plan ~ Summer 2021

April	May	June	July
Orange	Yellow	Green 1	Green 2
Face Masks – Required while walking inside & not keeping 6 feet apart. Masks may be removed when seated & distanced from non-family. Required for singing.	Face Masks – Required while walking inside & not keeping 6 feet apart. May be removed when seated & distanced. Strongly urged, but optional for singing.	Face Masks – Seating in auditorium remains spaced apart. Masks optional, but encouraged for singing.	Face Mask – All benches available for seating. Masks optional.
Sunday School & BFGs – Teachers and leaders can make the decision to use Zoom, or sit distanced w/o masks, or meet in regular configuration with masks.	Sunday School & BFGs – Teachers and leaders can make the decision to use Zoom, or sit distanced w/o masks, or meet in regular seating with masks.	Sunday School & BFGs – Distancing and masks are encouraged, but optional.	Sunday School & BFGs – Encourage classes to meet in-person as normal. Masks optional.
Clubs & Youth programs – Follow church policy on masking or distancing.	Clubs & Youth programs – Masks are encouraged. Clubs & Youth programs will follow the policy determined by their leaders.	Clubs & Youth programs – Operate under the guidance of their leaders.	Clubs & Youth program – No change.
Food & Meals – Only pre-packaged or served food. Non-family members should maintain 6ft separation.	Food & Meals – Pre-packaged or served food only. Sitting at tables is permitted with up to 6 non-family persons.	Food & Meals – No change.	Food & Meals – Self-serve & buffet style permitted.
Private / Guest Building Use: Groups <12 in UFH; <150 in Auditorium.	Private / Guest Building Use: Groups <200 in UFH or <300 in Auditorium.	Private / Guest Building Use: No Change	Private / Guest Building Use: Operate with normal policies.