

Pandemic Worship Guidelines

September 2021

In order to keep people as safe as possible:

- We follow CDC guidelines which encourage everyone to mask indoors (including vaccinated people) when the level of community transmission is substantial or high and for those who are unvaccinated to mask and socially distance.
 - We have one section of pews marked for those who should maintain social distancing or simply desire it – the section in front of the pulpit.
- We will refrain from communal singing until the level of community transmission decreases.
- In October, a socially distanced, masked choir will begin to lead singing from the balcony with the steeple fan running.

Whatever we do, Zion's Council wishes to **care for the whole community** of faith which is made of people who cannot yet get vaccinated (e.g., children under the age of 12), some who choose not to do so, and some for whom the vaccine is less effective (e.g., individuals who are immunocompromised).

In this and with all things, we encourage and pray that **the congregation** refrain from judging one another's decisions, but help to promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.