



Masks Required for In-Person Worship beginning August 22, 2021

On-line Worship available each Sunday at www.imluchurch.org

PLEASE GET VACCINATED. IT IS THE BEST and SAFEST way to prevent covid infection and spread.

WHY ARE MASKS A MUST AGAIN?!?!

1. The C.D.C. recommends **that even vaccinated people should wear masks in settings where Covid-19 may spread more easily.**
2. The Delta variant is highly contagious, much more contagious than previous variants, and may cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons.
3. Currently, Covid vaccines are not available for children under the age of 12.
4. Missoula County is at an **extremely high risk** level for unvaccinated people.
5. Worship indoors with speaking and singing is a high spread event. Wearing masks allows us to meet in person, helps protect people who may be particularly vulnerable to the virus, and prevents spread.
6. The Missoula County Public Schools Board of Trustees approved a mask mandate for all students, staff and guests inside of school buildings this fall.
7. At worship, we welcome infants, children, teens, adults, seniors, expecting mothers, people of all ages and health levels, and vaccinated and non-vaccinated people.
8. We want youth and families to feel welcome and safe to worship at Immanuel at all times.
9. St. Patrick Hospital is full and staffing is short amid COVID-19 delta surge (as of August 16).
10. Chief physician executive Dr. James McKay says the best way you can help hospitals is by getting vaccinated. He recommends wearing masks and social distancing in crowds, especially with the delta variant surging.
11. Worshippers may social distance as they prefer.

12. Hospitality bracelets color coded for social distancing are available.

The Council and Worship team will continue to monitor the weekly case rates and reserve the right to change these guidelines.