

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR ELMHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING

The State of Illinois and the City of Elmhurst are practicing phase 5 guidelines for businesses and large group gatherings. As of August 30, 2021, there is a mask mandate in all public buildings.

Elmhurst Presbyterian will require indoor masking as a way of loving those in our church, especially those who are unable to be vaccinated. Current Covid protocol includes:

- All parishioners ages 2+ inside the building for any reason should wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status.
- Family members living in the same household may sit together, but otherwise social distancing shall be practiced in the pews.
- Hand sanitation stations shall be installed at the main entrance to the sanctuary.
- We ask that everyone sign in upon arrival for contact tracing purposes. Books are located before entering the sanctuary and in the lobby area between the circle drive door and the parking lot door.
- Communion elements shall be individually packaged, and congregants shall receive them from stations located throughout the sanctuary.
- Fist and elbow bumps shall be the preferred method of greeting.
- Ushers and Elders shall gently remind congregants to wear a mask and will provide masks to those who need them. Masks are located at the welcome desk and in the main office.
- Soloists may remove their mask, but only while performing.
- Worship leaders, including liturgists, pastor(s) and staff may remove their masks only while in the chancel or pulpit area to aid in the comprehension of the written and spoken word.
- Sunday School will be indoors, with open windows and fans in the windows. Children will remain masked while downstairs and mats will be provided spaced 6 feet apart.

Don't feel well? Stay home when you are sick or if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, labored breathing, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, fever, runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, exhaustion, headache, poor appetite. For additional information go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

The Session of Elmhurst Presbyterian Church will revise these policies as needed.

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