

Bethel Church COVID-19 Policy

This policy reflects the relaxation of CDC guidelines announced in May 2021 as well as the additional cautions announced in August 2021

In this policy "fully vaccinated" will mean at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the last required dose of an approved COVID vaccination serum.

- We will be providing in-person worship at the church as well as an on-line service from the Service page of Bethel's web site (www.bethelumctlh.org)
- We ask that, if you or anyone in your household is sick, please stay home and participate in our on-line service
- Those who have been fully vaccinated are not required to practice social distancing
- Individuals or groups who have not been fully vaccinated should practice social distancing from other groups
- Cloth face coverings will be requested for all, however they should not be used on children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or anyone who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- Any individual or group may request to be "socially distanced" when being seated (to accommodate ones whose immune system may be compromised although they have been vaccinated)
- Greeters will assist members to their seats with social distancing in mind
- In all groups with children, the adult workers as well as the children will wear masks.
- Stationary Offering plates will be located in the narthex
- Individually pre-packaged communion cups with wafer enclosed will be available in the narthex for pick up on the 1st Sunday of each month. We will take communion in our pew seats
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance and in restrooms

After the CDC announced additional cautions in August 2021, the FLA UMC issued the following statement:

"We urge the use of masks in indoor settings, as an expression of our love for our neighbor and as the fulfillment of the law of Christ . (Galatians 5:14)"

Galatians 5:14: *For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*