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## SUNDAY SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & ONLINE

As of this Sunday (June 6, 2021) our 10AM service will no longer be mask-required. Those who still wish to wear a mask are, of course, welcome to do so. We will also continue livestreaming both services for those who choose to watch online. But both services (10:00 and 11:30) will go back to pre-COVID operations. At this point the other leaders and I sense this is best for our church family and those who may choose to visit.

As you know, Christians within our church family hold a variety of views about masks and other COVID preventative measures. When it comes to disputable matters, our policy has always been to respect and do our best to serve everyone in the spirit of Romans 14.

The executive orders and guidelines from our governor have informed but never dictated our course of action. Since the beginning of the pandemic, churches in Michigan were exempted from the penalties of violating mask mandates. Early on, when mask requirements were perhaps stressed the most, we had *no* mask requirement at SCC. We then added a mask-required service at 10:00AM in order to serve those who would not otherwise attend.

As for the danger of contracting COVID 19, we have always taken this seriously. I know this virus from personal experience! But we believe the risk has plummeted recently as the cases, deaths, and positivity rates have all trended down and vaccines have trended up. The CDC, MDHHS, and many states, school districts, restaurants, and businesses are seeing fit to relax mask and social distancing requirements, particularly for the vaccinated. Anyone who wants a vaccine can get one immediately. Michigan is removing all mask mandates for the vaccinated June 1 and for all people July 1. Again, these factors helped inform but did not dictate our decision.

**REMINDER (per the CDC):** The best prevention for COVID-19, and any other virus is to...

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick (over 15 minutes, within 6 feet, without a mask).
- If you are sick, please stay home and avoid contact with others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

***Please join us in praying—daily—for the end to this pandemic.***

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