

## AN UPDATE ON MASKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AT PPC

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Dear Friends and Congregation of Providence,

As we begin a new program year, the Session has received advice from the Regathering Team concerning mitigations related to the ongoing pandemic. Because we are in the midst of yet another COVID-19 spike, the Session wants to exercise extreme caution. Consequently, please follow the basic guidance for indoor and outdoor masking and social distancing on the PPC campus:

1. Masks will be worn at all times indoors, no matter what a person's vaccination status is.
2. When outdoors, masks will be worn by those who have not been fully vaccinated.
3. When outdoors, fully vaccinated people may not need to wear a mask, but masking anyway would be a generous gesture of solidarity with those who do need to mask.
4. Social distancing of six-feet is the expectation for both indoor and outdoor use of the campus.
5. We will do our best to observe this, recognizing that at times it may be a challenge to maintain it among younger children.

With all this in mind, we encourage the PPC family to come to the Christian Education Open House this Sunday, September 12, at 10:00am, so we can receive feedback with which to help plan Sunday School offerings and practice safety measures. The Christian Education Committee will review this feedback and use it to develop a strategy for holding Sunday School that will start on Sunday, September 26.

The most recent late-summer COVID-19 spike pretty much derailed the trajectory of our Christian Education plans for Sunday School that were made in July. So, the Committee sees the Open House this Sunday, as an opportunity to both welcome folks back and to get your input before moving forward. The Committee will use the two weeks between September 12 and September 26 to adjust accordingly to how best conduct classes. Please contact our Christian Education Committee Chair, Marsha Garver to provide input at [mjgarver@aol.com](mailto:mjgarver@aol.com).

Thank you for giving this your attention, and remember – our one worship service is at 11:15am. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday at 10:00am for our Christian Education Open House!

-The Session of PPC  
-The Rev. Fred Lyon  
-The Rev. Lal Rodawla