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COVID Gathering Guidelines -Masking Now Both Optional and Welcome!

In consultation with the staff, worship team and impacted members of the community, the board is updating our COVID Gathering Guidelines. Masking will now be optional throughout the building with the exception of a designated area in the back of the sanctuary on the right side. This decision is grounded in both science and care. COVID-19 community level in King County is low. A survey of area UU congregations indicated that their current guidelines are in line with this change to masking optional policy.

In order to continue to provide a somewhat safer space for our most vulnerable community members, we will have three rows in the rear of the church on the right side that will continue to be a masking required section. Windows will be open for cross ventilation in this area. High quality n95 masks will be available upon request in the narthex. Our facilities team is currently evaluating the benefit of monitoring CO2 in different parts of the building to give us some data about ventilation.

We welcome your input on this change. Your experience matters to us.

Your Board of Trustees (Tracy Burrows, Jennifer Disotell, John Hornby, Lisa Maynard, Jim Schlough, Laura Strand, Laura White)