

River Terrace Church

GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP SERVICES - Updated August 7, 2021

These guidelines take into consideration the most recent recommendations from the CDC and our Council. Due to the fluid nature of the recommendations during this pandemic, guidelines and expectations are subject to change.

Logistics

Online worship:

A livestream of the indoor service will continue to be offered. The online service is recommended for those who wish to minimize their risk of exposure and for those who are at high risk of complications due to COVID-19.

In-person worship:

The self-monitoring section (below) applies to both indoor and outdoor worship participation, as well as the requirement to notify RTC leadership or staff in the event of testing positive or developing symptoms within 48 hours of attending in-person worship.

- Outdoor worship:
 - For those who wish to minimize exposure or are at high risk of complications due to COVID-19, we encourage you to wear a mask
 - No mask is required at this service

- Indoor worship:
 - Masks are required for all, vaccinated or unvaccinated.
 - We encourage unvaccinated children and adults to minimize the risk of COVID for themselves and others by attending online or outdoor services, or to wear a mask and practice social distancing indoors
 - Congregational singing will be allowed
 - Offerings will continue to be received online or in a locked box in the back of the worship area

Children

- Nursery services are available during the indoor worship service.
- Any individuals in the nursery may choose to wear a mask, but all volunteers and parents are required to wear a mask until fully vaccinated.
- The vaccination status of any employee working in the nursery without a mask has been verified.
- Our Greenhouse program is available on our website.

Self-monitoring

Please review this list of possible symptoms and consider taking your own temperature at home before our gathering. If you have symptoms, fever, or know you have been exposed to someone with possible COVID recently, we ask that you join us online and seek care as needed.

- Fever or chills
- Mild or moderate difficulty breathing
- New or worsening cough
- Sustained loss of smell, taste, or appetite

- Sore throat
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Aching throughout the body
- Exposure to any person with COVID in the last 10 days.
- Travel from a high-risk location: please stay home for 14 days upon return. This includes travel from a country with a Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Notice.

If your age or medical situation would make COVID illness more severe for you, we recommend that you continue to worship online for now.

If an individual, or members of a single household, test positive or develop symptoms within 48 hours of attending an in-person church service, please contact RTC leadership or staff to assist with contact tracing.