

Dear Staff, Deacons and Program Council of Royal Lane Baptist Church,

Based on the CDC Recommendations of February 25, 2022 (see below), as a Taskforce we have new recommendations for gathering inside the sanctuary.

Starting April 3, 2022, with this guidance and an eye toward caution, the Taskforce recommends the following for in-person gatherings:

- Mask wearing will be recommended but not mandatory. This recommendation will apply to all congregational activities including Worship, Choir, Sunday School, Youth and Children (nursery workers may be an exception)
- We will remove the pew physical distance signs in the Sanctuary
- In-person, small group meeting may proceed as prior to the pandemic if desired. It was recognized by the Task Force that some groups will want to continue to meet remotely in some circumstances
- When appropriate, the Nursery can be re-established. Nursery workers will have a requirement to be fully up-to-date on vaccination

We would recommend continuing:

- Live Stream of all Sunday a.m. services
- Registration of all participating in in-person worship to aid in Contact Tracing. We will continue to use the QR code but this has not been well adhered to for in-person worship. We recommend returning to use of the blue registration booklets set at the end of each row with a call to complete them during our regular service.
- Continue use of the air purification devices. Consider expanding use of the devices in small group areas such as in any designated nursery areas and Sunday School rooms where appropriate.

Recognizing that those who are at a higher risk may feel more comfortable wearing a mask while participating in activities, they will be allowed to do so without limitation. While masks will not be required for any attendee, we affirm the decision to wear a mask vaccinated or not vaccinated.

Adult Sunday School and Children's programming can return to in-person activities.

Respectfully submitted

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According to the CDC:

**New Community Impact Guidelines**

- New community impact calculations take into account the impact of hospitalizations and ICU bed availability along with Daily New Case Rate to determine the level of risk for a county.
- Currently Dallas is at the Low Level of spread while some surrounding counties are in the Medium Level of spread. The levels are fluid and may go up and down.
- As such, masks continue to be recommended indoors but are not required.

- [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)
- [U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map | CDC](#)

**Fully up-to-date vaccinated people can:**

- If you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, in general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.
- If you are in an area with a high COVID-19 Community Level, wear a mask indoors in public.
- If you are immunocompromised or otherwise at risk for severe disease, talk with your healthcare provider about wearing a mask indoors at medium COVID-19 Community Levels.
- People may choose to wear masks at any time.

**For now, Fully Vaccinated people should continue to:**

- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Recommendations for mask wearing after an exposure or testing positive continue to be in effect for 10 days after the exposure or positive test. See attached link: [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation | CDC](#)
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations