

At MVPC we recognize that we are not epidemiological or public health experts and so we will look for guidance from people who are.

Our plan is to follow the published guidelines for Skagit County which come from Skagit Public Health, the Washington State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Because we recognize Christ's call to protect the "least of these," in the event our 3 sources of authority don't agree, we will opt to follow the one which provides the highest level of safety precaution for the public.

- **Please do not attend church events in person if you have covid symptoms or known exposure or are otherwise ill with a communicable illness!**
- Everyone with internet access has the option to attend worship as well as most meetings (committees, small groups, studies etc.) remotely via Zoom. *If you need help to get set up, let us know!*
- Each person will have the choice to wear a mask at church. The expectation is that choices will be respected and assumptions will not be made about a person's beliefs or health status based on their decision to wear or not wear a mask.

As we move forward:

- If Skagit Community Health or the State of Washington, or the CDC issues recommendations or requirements to curtail large group activities or wear masks indoors, we will follow their guidance.
- The CDC issued an [easy to use tool](#) to accompany their guidance for "[Community Levels](#)" which are based on both case counts and hospital capacity. When there is not more localized direction from Skagit Public Health or WA Department of Health, our Community Level will be posted on our weekly email and onsite at the church building. It will guide our mask use:
 - When the level is **Green** (low community risk): The MVPC Covid Task Force *recommends wearing masks if it makes you more comfortable to do so.*
 - When the level is **Yellow** (medium community risk): The MVPC Covid Task Force *recommends wearing a mask while in groups in the church building.*
 - When the level is **Orange** (high community risk): Per CDC guidelines *masks will be required when there is high community risk.*

MVPC Recommends vaccination, which continues to be the best defense against Covid-19. Please get tested if you have any Covid-19 symptoms.

If you have questions or suggestions, please call or email the church office: 360-424-7675 or office.mvpc@gmail.com