



Dear Church Family,

Governor Abbott's removal of the state mandates for mask-wearing and building occupancy puts the onus on churches, schools, businesses, and other institutions to establish their own policies. After reviewing our church's COVID protocols, it seems best to maintain our current practices for a bit longer. Taking this approach is in line with the governor's own recommendations; even as he lifted state mandates, he encouraged all Texans to follow safe practices.

You've done a great job maintaining appropriate space between yourself and others — please keep it up! We are still encouraging everyone to wear a mask when moving to and from their seat in the Worship Center. Of course, if you are ill or have special health concerns, please stay home and log into our online worship services.

Just so you know, key locations in the church building are sanitized continually during Sunday morning worship. Hand sanitizer and masks are widely available. We'll still refrain from passing an offering plate, but you can find offering boxes at the back of the Worship Center. (Online giving options are also available.)

We have lived with this coronavirus for a long time now. Many have suffered from the virus and from unprecedented "lockdowns" and social isolation. Now more than ever, we need to pray for each other. There are indications we've turned a corner on this pandemic. How long before we "get back to normal"? No one knows, but count me among the optimists.

In Christ,