

September 1, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Palm Coast,

Given the recent developments in Palm Coast and our surrounding communities regarding the Delta variant, **beginning 09/01/2021 the Session recommends that we return to masks/face coverings for everyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated, while indoors until case counts drop.** This includes wearing masks/face coverings for the entire worship service. Worship leaders, including vocalist who elect to sing, or instrumentalists who elect to play, may occasionally remove their masks/face coverings. **In addition, and again, until case counts drop, the Session recommends that we refrain from food/meal gatherings indoors.** At this time there are no additional changes to in person worship, gatherings, or facility usage. We will continue to live-stream our worship services each Sunday at [trinitypalmcoast.org](http://trinitypalmcoast.org) and would encourage you to participate online if you are sick. The Session and staff will continue to monitor the situation closely and promise to walk through these difficult times with you, the members and friends of Trinity Palm Coast.

*As I write, I am filled with a myriad of thoughts and emotions. I am disappointed, frustrated, confused, and sad that vaccinated people are back to wearing masks indoors. Our Session and staff are tired, and I know you are too. As we take what feels like a step back, let us continue to step forward into grace and hospitality, and love for one another. We are one church. We choose each other, especially in uncertain and hard times, even as God has chosen all of us to be God's people. I am thankful that we are able to adjust as a congregation to stay safe from new variants even as we are able to continue to worship in person and online (words borrowed from Rev. Tony Sundermeier, FPC Atlanta).*

In the past month, the US has been hit with the Delta variant of COVID 19. There have been countless reports of hospitalizations and deaths. Let me take a moment to thank you for your thoughts and prayers as Allaycn, Cyndy and I were hit last month with the Delta variant. We are grateful that hospitalization was not required and that we hope and pray that we have fully recovered.

So where might we find a sense of hope amid great chaos? I believe hope can be found in our being together, whether face-to-face or at a distance. I am looking forward to what we have planned, and for what God has planned for us in the coming months as we continue to be a worshiping, nurturing, and serving congregation.

Blessings,

Jeff Beebe, Pastor