

Our Covid-19 Prevention and Mitigation Policy

Edina Morningside Community Church

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On behalf of Edina Morningside Community Church, the Vision Council establishes the following practices for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 infections. These are informed by guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, local infection and vaccination rates, and our own best judgment about how to foster the health of all in our community. In this spirit, Edina Morningside Community Church advocates for all eligible people to be vaccinated and boosted.

To safeguard the wellbeing of all in our worship, activities, programs, and community life:

- We ask that everyone who is eligible be vaccinated and boosted against Covid-19 before entering the building.
- Refrain from participating with in-person activities if you feel unwell, or if you know you have been recently exposed to someone with a confirmed positive test.
- During activities that involve communal singing (worship, choir rehearsal, etc) indoors, we encourage participants to wear coverings over nose and mouth.
- We encourage wearing masks over nose and mouth anytime while indoors, unless in one's own workspace or actively eating and drinking. Masks are available outside the church office for those in need of one.
- Be mindful of personal space needs, and respect those who request greater distancing.
- MTC and Edina Morningside Preschool are encouraged to use drop off and pick up procedures that reduce the number of people in the Fellowship Hall and nearby spaces.
- Church and community groups may gather in person as they wish. All groups are responsible for cleaning up afterward, restoring their meeting space to prepare for the next users.
- We offer a hybrid worship model, with in-person and remote (via Zoom) options available.

As the nature of the pandemic changes these practices will also change; please follow the most-recently updated version of this policy, which will be listed on the church website, emcucc.org. You may also request the latest version by emailing (emcucc@emcucc.org) or calling (952-926-6555) the church office.

We pray for the day to come soon when all are vaccinated, and we no longer risk giving one another a deadly infection. In the meantime, thank you for helping us maintain a safer church community for all our guests, neighbors, elders, members, children, youth, and families!

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