

Mask Policy January 2023

As we begin the new year, we are experiencing what public health officials refer to as the triple threat of Covid-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and seasonal flu. In the interests of prioritizing the health and safety of our community, we are **recommending** that masks be worn for all indoor FUUSN activities, including Sunday services and our religious exploration program, during the month of January. This recommendation is similar to the recommendations of the Newton Public School system (as well as Boston, Cambridge, and many other suburban systems). Please note that this is a **recommendation** and **not a mandate**.

Masks will, however, continue to be required for those seated in the last 6 rows on both sides of the Sanctuary. Those speaking from the pulpit or lectern may feel free to remove their masks while speaking.

We ask that if you test positive for Covid after attending a FUUSN event, you notify those with whom you had close contact. We also hope that parents will let Devin know if their child tests positive after attending an RE program.

We will continue to monitor Covid metrics and guidance from public health officials and adjust our policy if needed. We will send all updates via e-mail and Facebook. All information will be posted on FUUSN's website: www.fuusn.org. Please feel to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

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