

As we plan for the start of indoor worship on Sunday November 7th (which happens to be the end of Daylight savings time), here's the rules and bullet points that HOPE's Council has approved. We understand that every business and church is not setting their rules the same way. However, we are choosing our rules for the safety of all for a 1 hour service event.

1. Masks will be required, regardless of Covid vaccination status.
2. Over the last year plus we were served very well by having a matrix that our wonderful 'Covid subcommittee' put together. Similarly, we are going to follow a matrix by St. Croix County for our mask wearing recommendation.
 - o Follow: <https://infogram.com/st-croix-county-covid-19-dashboard-1h9j6qggxzn754g?live>
 - o See the "Current Level of Community Transmission" rate near the bottom of that page.
 - o Follow the "fully vaccinated" line.
 - o As of last week, we are still in the "High" category.
3. Anyone who is not vaccinated, though eligible, we kindly ask to worship from home for now. Our services will continue to be broadcast via YouTube. We believe this is the safest path for children and other high risk groups.
 - o We will never ask about vaccination status.
4. If you are having any Covid style symptoms we kindly ask you to worship from home that week.
5. No registration will be needed to attend service.
6. We ask that you follow spacing guidelines within the church. 6ft between family units.
7. Singing will be allowed, while still masked.
 - o Worship leaders can choose for themselves whether to be masked or not.
 - o Congregation will be 12-15ft back from worship leaders.
 - o We may do less singing.
8. Service attendees will pick up communion elements when they arrive at service. Communion will be taken from your seats.
9. The Property Ministry will be setting up an air quality check inside the church.
10. We will address Christmas services as we get closer to Christmas.
11. This process will continually be assessed by Council. If you have comments, please contact anyone on the Executive Committee: Keith Getschel, Ryan Brill, Alyssa Boock, and/or Ryan Leitch.