

COVID procedures, updated January 11, 2022

**Bethel's Continued COVID Practices:**

- Masks are still required in the building, whether you are vaccinated or not, for worship and all other programming. We highly encourage N95 masks as the Omicron variant is undeterred by regular cloth or surgical-style masks.
- The nursery will continue to be open at both services - staff are vaccinated and will be wearing N95 masks.
- Safety precautions are in place: hand sanitizing stations, upgraded ventilation systems, pre-packaged Communion to pick up as you enter and bring to your seat, and additional social distancing spacing by sitting in the CLC.
- Offering plates are positioned at the Sanctuary exits.

**Based on a recent uptick in COVID cases in Rice County and community and leadership feedback, Bethel will be temporarily editing our in-person practices:**

**We will pause:**

- Sunday coffee hour fellowship and all in-person food and drink.
- Sunday School Ages 3-5th grade
- Limitless!
- Pop-up Choir is cancelled. Regular choir rehearsals are scheduled to begin again on January 26, pending COVID numbers. Stay tuned.

**Here's what's still ON (N95 masks are highly encouraged.):**

- Worship 8:30 & 10:45am. Livestream will be available on the [website](#) with the recorded service available immediately after the service on our [YouTube Channel](#).
- Nursery (Staff are vaccinated and will be wearing N95 masks).
- Bethel U
- Confirmation J-Term

**And, of course...**

- If you are ill or have been in contact with someone who is quarantining or has tested positive for COVID 19, please stay home.
- In-person worship is still deemed high risk by the CDC for those who are unvaccinated and/or members of vulnerable populations.