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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you are probably aware, Governor Edwards lifted the statewide mask mandate and gave the authority to local municipalities, churches, and private businesses to determine how they will handle COVID-19 during gatherings moving forward.

While there is no longer a state-wide mask mandate, this doesn't mean we are completely free to operate without restrictions. There are still some unvaccinated people, and therefore, the use of masks and the acquisition of COVID 19 Shot(s) is still an important safeguard in preventing the spread of the Corona 19Virus.

With that in mind, here is the policy at Wesley United Methodist Church;

1. All procedures below become effective immediately.
2. All individuals who enter the church, no matter the reason, are required to wear a mask upon entering the church and while inside any part of the church building.
3. Sign-in is required upon entering the church. All individuals who enter the church must sign in (printed name, date, time of entry) at one of the sign-in Sanitation Stations.
4. Sanitation stations, with sanitizers, disinfectant, extramasks, additional sanitation supplies and gloves will be located near the church entrance for use by all who enter. *Upon exiting the church masks, gloves, etc. should be discarded.*
5. Full-capacity seating in worship and classroom spaces will be controlled and space will be allocated prior to service. Specific request from members should be submitted to the church office.
7. Tape will be used to designate specific seating sections.
8. Use of hymnals, offering plates, and other shared items in worship will be authorized.
9. The size(s) of the choir will be unlimited. The choir will utilize masks and be unmasked only while actually performing.
10. We will resume between-service fellowship and other normal parts of community life.

Our purpose for continuing to wear masks is to provide protection for high-risk people in our church community. We also want people to feel safe coming to worship and to know that we are a church that cares about their health and well-being.

We appreciate your patience and are proud of how our congregation met the challenges associated with COVID-19 so far. Let us all continue to pray and know in our hearts that this season of this pandemic will be behind us soon.

Yours in Christ,  
The Church Administrative Council

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