

**Matthew 25:40, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these...
you did for me.”**

On Monday, August 16, Evergreen’s Leadership Team met to review our current Covid safety practices as directed by the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Following are the results:

- **At the indoor service, those who are vaccinated may remove masks if desired only while seated in the worship center. Otherwise, masks must be worn when entering, exiting, and otherwise moving around the worship center and throughout the rest of the building.**
- At the outdoor service, those who are vaccinated may remove masks if desired.
- All unvaccinated individuals must wear masks at all times whether attending the indoor or outdoor service and at all times when inside the church building or attending any church-related activity.
- Social distancing practices remain in effect for all.
- All children ages 2 and older and those in grades K–12 must wear masks at all times when in the building and when participating in Greenhouse.
- All adults must wear masks in the presence of children whether indoors or outdoors.

These recommendations will be revisited as the Virginia Conference provides updates.

Also, a reminder of the Virginia Conference’s most recent response to the latest CDC recommendations: “Remember that our call is to love our neighbors and to do no harm. We have tools, such as vaccination, wearing masks indoors and maintaining proper distancing, to make this happen! Please use the tools, so we can be a solution to this problem we all are facing.”

Here is the latest from the Virginia Department of Health:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/cloth-face-covers/>.

Here is the latest from the CDC website online, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>.

Here is the latest from the Virginia Conference:

<https://vaumc.org/reminder-of-response-to-latest-cdc-recommendations/>