

Survey Results on Worship as we move out of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Survey Questions:

Q1- What is your vaccination status- 165 answered, 0 skipped

160- vaccinated, 2 not vaccinated, 3- do not wish to disclose

Q2- How will our “mask optional” policy for fully vaccinated persons in worship affect your decision to attend? - 163 answered, 2 skipped

136- would be comfortable attending with unmasked attendees, 27- would not be comfortable

Q3- If you are answering this survey for your entire household, are all eligible members (ages 12 and up) currently vaccinated? - 154 answered, 11 skipped

138- yes, 12- no, 4- do not wish to disclose

Q4- Do you have children in your household under the age of 12? -165 answered, 0 skipped

21- yes, 143- no, 1- do not wish to disclose

Q5- Comments- 33 answered, 132 skipped

- **We received 165 responses to our survey the first of June with 96% of our respondents sharing that they have been vaccinated.**

Summary Comments Shared Regarding Worship: *I have felt extremely happy with all the decision made by our COVID-19 Response Team and have felt very safe; Please continue YouTube/FB Live Services; Outstanding job of broadcasting our services; Masks should be worn by and around all persons until a much higher percentage of the population has been vaccinated; Since the CDC has proven transmission is unlikely from touching surfaces, please consider putting the hymnals and bibles back out for congregational use (Note: Hymnals, Bibles, and registration pads were returned to the pews June 13.)*

- **83% of respondents would be comfortable attending worship with unmasked attendees**

Summary Comments shared Regarding Mask Optional Worship: *To protect our most vulnerable members, wouldn't it be better to continue to wear masks until Tallahassee has a higher vaccination rate; Ok with not wearing masks if people were still spaced apart/not everyone is going to be truthful about being vaccinated; I would feel uncomfortable attending church with unvaccinated, un-masked attendees. Perhaps a section of the church could be set aside for those who have not been vaccinated; I am fine with fully vaccinated folks going unmasked.*

- **12% of responding households had children**

Summary Comments regarding Children in Worship: *We are not comfortable attending worship with unmasked and possibly unvaccinated attendees; I was unimpressed at a recent service when all in attendance were asked to remain masked for the safety of the children performing. At least one whole family chose to go mask-less despite the request from the pulpit; Until children are eligible for vaccination, it is unlikely we will be attending worship; I will be masking indoors until children are able to be vaccinated; Because our children under 12 cannot be vaccinated, we will not attend worship if masks remain optional; Anyone around children should be masked at all times; Because our children under 12 cannot be vaccinated, we will not return to worship if masks remain optional.*

Miscellaneous Comments: *This survey is not a survey on feeling comfortable but rather an attempt to determine vaccination status – Disappointing; We are excited to return to “normal”; I can’t wait for the resumption of the 8:30am service; Would like to continue wearing a mask at times even though I’m fully vaccinated; We plan to attend church service without masks; Our Sunday School class will return June 6 and we plan to attend without masks; This will only work if unvaccinated persons are honest about their status and wear a mask. Unfortunately, the unvaccinated are the ones who don’t want to wear masks; Thank you for all your continued efforts to keep us safe so that we can worship together; Thank you for having to navigate all these variables during this time. It is difficult to please everyone and you communicate and help us to understand very well the complexity of the situation; We will continue wearing masks at our discretion. We pray all children will be vaccinated soon; Thank you for being cautious in re-opening. We are happy to be vaccinated and believe most people in our congregation have done the safe thing, so we are comfortable moving forward without masks; I would love to get back to staying fit exercise class (in person) – Any chance this will happen soon? **(Note: BFC Classes will resume in-person with a Zoom option September 7)**; Let everyone decide for themselves what they wish to do. Do not make the choice for members; Please follow the medical science, not the political science.*