

## COVID Update March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Today Governor Ducey announced a new Executive Order implementing the following:

- All remaining COVID-19 related Executive Orders are lifted and will no longer be enforced.
- Local governments (Counties, Towns, and Cities) can no longer enforce COVID-19-related policies adopted after March 11, 2020, including requirements to wear face coverings (Business of course retain the right to set their own COVID policies, as well as the right to refuse service to anyone not willing to comply with those policies).
- Events of more than 50 people, including youth sports and concerts, will no longer need approval from local governments. However, event organizers should continue to encourage safety precautions, including distancing to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Businesses, including associations, are now only encouraged to continue to take actions recommended by the CDC, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and ADHS to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- All business, including bars, can resume all regular operations.
- Counties, Towns, and Cities may enforce mitigation polices in government buildings and on public transportation, including the requirement to wear masks.

This is encouraging news and means that we will be relaxing all COVID related policies. That means that masks are not required to attend any of our services; however, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so (and there should be sufficient room to social distance as you see fit). We will continue to keep a small supply of masks at the entrance of the sanctuary until our stock is depleted (and you can always find hand sanitizer throughout the building).

Please keep in mind, all of your actions... everything you do, must proceed from faith. (This has been our stance from the beginning). If you prefer to wear a mask, do so in faith (and no one think less of you). And if you prefer not to wear a mask, well that too should proceed from faith (and no one think less of you). In the end, masks aren't the real issue... fear is.

Finally dear friends, remember your call and election. Each one of us (whether worshiping at home or in the church building) has come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. This very hour we find the baton in our hands! This is our leg of the race, and we must run it in such a way as to win the prize. Let us then move to the inside lane with strength and endurance!