

Dear Bethel,

A couple of weeks ago in the Consistory Corner portion of the bulletin we indicated that we would modify our masking policy from a requirement to a recommendation if the Governor did not increase restrictions in her March 7th proclamation and case numbers continued to go down in our area. The Governor did not increase restrictions and case numbers continue to be low. We also did some additional consulting with local doctors and gathered information from other organizations. Based on these factors and what we have learned, we are going ahead with the modification of our masking policy.

Beginning Sunday, March 14th, we will encourage the wearing of masks but we will no longer require them for our Sunday morning gatherings. We will continue to ask people to follow the social distancing seating guidelines in the auditorium and to observe contact and distancing precautions when interacting with others. We know that there are different levels of comfort around these issues, but our prayer is that we as a church will continue to freely worship our great God and do our best to accommodate the realities of our current situation. We will continue to pay attention to any changes in our area and make appropriate modifications if necessary.

In Christ's love,  
The Elders & Deacons of Bethel