

### **August 6, 2021 - Updated COVID Safety Guidelines:**

*In the hope of continuing to meet in person, and in light of the new realities of the Delta variant, the COVID-19 task force asks church goers starting at age 2 to wear a mask for worship and singing.*

- *If you have symptoms please worship from home.*
- *Small groups that are fully vaccinated may choose if they wear masks.*
- *Attendance for Worship via Zoom will remain an option.*
- *Masks do not need to be worn in outdoor settings.*

The COVID task force continues to review and update safety guidance for Alexanderwohl, with the goal of creating the safest policy for our congregation as a whole. Consideration has been given to rising numbers of the highly contagious COVID Delta Variant in local counties, and the newest recommendations from the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, state and local health departments, and local medical providers. Also considered was mask-wearing fatigue and risks to those who are not yet able to get the vaccine.

The CDC now recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people mask indoors in areas with significant community spread. Vaccinations provide protection against contracting the virus and provide decreased incidence of severe disease and mortality, but there can still be rare break-through cases, and transmission is possible if symptomatic.