

St. Michael's in the Hills Mask Protocol

In response to the continued variability of COVID transmission as St. Michael's has resumed in-person worship, the Vestry of St. Michael's in the Hills voted on April 26, 2022 to adopt the following Mask Protocol.

This protocol is based upon changes in the number of COVID-positive cases from week to week. The methodology used is adapted from that of a local School District, which follows Toledo Lucas County Health Department guidelines.

At present, St. Michael's in the Hills' mask policy is Masks Optional. The following metrics are intended to provide thresholds for automatically adjusting our policy as the number of COVID-positive cases change from week to week.

- If there are 4,300 or fewer new COVID-positive cases in Lucas County in a week:
We will continue our Masks Optional policy.
- If there are 4,301 or more new COVID-positive cases in Lucas County in a week:
We will send out an email on Friday notifying the Congregation of the change in case count.
- If there are 4,301 or more new COVID-positive cases in Lucas County for two (2) consecutive weeks:
We will return to Masks Required indoors, and an email will be sent out on Friday notifying the Congregation of the change.

If we return to requiring masks, the same metric will be used to determine when we change back to Masks Optional. We must have two (2) consecutive weeks with new COVID-positive case counts of 4,300 or fewer to remove a mask requirement.