

SHALOM'S UPDATED COVID PRINCIPLES

AS OF AUGUST 17, 2021

GRACE

We're still in this together. Nobody signed up for this back in March 2020, but we are still here and moving forward together. We will strive to model patience and respect for the members of our community who make different decisions about how to protect themselves and one another.

CARE FOR ALL

We are going to prioritize and encourage:

- the health of our children (who cannot yet be vaccinated)
- supporting each other
- simple solutions that make sense for the most
- sharing resources

MISSION FOCUSED

Even under the strange circumstances, we'll continue striving to foster spiritual nourishment, social connection, and healthy spaces for living out our mission and vision.

FLEXIBILITY

We are making plans and projections based on data that is constantly unfolding. We will remain flexible and adjust to the situation.

- Vaccinated people can transmit the Delta variant
- As more cases occur, there will be more vaccinated people who also contract Covid.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

We will not cancel in-person church unless there is state or federal mandate that this happens, or overwhelming evidence that being SMART is not enough to contain COVID in our community.

CLEAR COMMUNICATION

We will strive to communicate changes and updates as quickly and effectively as possible.

SMART HABITS

We will continue to be SMART in our response to Delta Covid and other emerging variants:

- **S**PACE: Keep your distance from other people:
 - 6 feet for normal interactions
 - 12 feet from people outside your household/family/pod in the case of yelling or singing.
 - Make reservations for in-person Sunday worship so that we don't exceed room limit.
- **M**ASKS: Keep your nose + mouth covered. Age 2+
- **A**IR: Keep it fresh. We have this!
- **R**EALISTIC: Someone will chew gum and their mask will slip, offer grace and encouragement to each other because none of us like masking.
- **T**AKE TIME FOR CONSENT: Before shaking hands, hugging or moving into someone's 6 foot sphere, please ask if it is okay to do so!

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