

Oxford Christian Church Covid-19 Policy

Given the significant increase in COVID-19 cases and the quickly mutating nature of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 virus), as well as the sharp increase of serious infection incidence occurring in Scott County, Kentucky during August 2021, a discussion was had concerning appropriate measures for the church to take in implementing a policy moving forward.

The below COVID-19 policy was amended, voted on, approved, and adopted on August 15th, 2021 by the Oxford Christian Church Board.

On August 10th, 2021, the WEDCO District Health Department & Home Health Agency reported a county incidence of 56 cases per 100k population. At this point in time, the Scott County rate was out pacing the state incidence rate of 46.85 by 10 more cases per 100k population.

The proposed policy would be based on the Team Kentucky state-assigned color where:

- Red = > 25 cases per 100k
- Orange = \geq 10-25 cases per 100k
- Yellow = \geq 1-10 cases per 100k
- Green = \leq 1 case per 100k

Changes made will directly impact worship in the manner of "If Scott County is (x color), then (y action) should be implemented".

If Scott County is **Green** (less than or equal to 1 case per 100k-- no to low rate of community spread):

- Church is fully open.
- No restrictions are required.
- Masks are not required.

If Scott County is **Yellow** (greater than or equal to 1-10 cases per 100k-- moderate rate of community spread):

- Church is still fully open.
- Unmasking during worship is allowed.
- Masking while singing is required due to the increase of aerosol projection speed while singing.

If Scott County is **Orange** (greater than or equal to 10-25 cases per 100k-- substantial rate of community spread):

- Masking for the duration of worship, including while singing.

If Scott County is **Red** (greater than 25 cases per 100k-- high rate of community spread):

- Per the CDC and the State (Team Kentucky), we are encouraged to utilize all prevention methods when and where available. This includes:
 - Universal masking.
 - Social distancing.
 - Masked humming.
 - Keeping digital worship options easily accessible and available.

As part of our concern regarding the speed and severity of the most recent variant mutation of the COVID-19 virus (to date, Delta), the following church education policy has also been drafted.

Church Education Policy:

This is intended to reflect the policies written for the Scott County School system as well as those educational policies in effect at a state level to ensure a safe, stable, and consistent learning environment for all learners, regardless of age.

- Oxford Christian Church (here forward, OCC) will adhere to all current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (here forward, CDC) guidelines and government recommendations.
- Instructors at OCC ~~will all be fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC.~~
 - *Amended to read¹*: Instructors at OCC will practice universal masking, regardless of vaccination status.
- If Scott County is identified as a red county by the state due to the COVID infection rate, then those in attendance will wear a facial covering and practice social distancing while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- If Scott County Schools cancel in-person learning in an effort to mitigate the effects and reduce the spread of COVID-19, then OCC will cancel all in-person educational activities, including in-person Sunday School classes.
- OCC will adjust Sunday School attendance practices in accordance with the most current guidance from Scott County Schools.

These policies were created and collaborated on by members of the education and worship committees in the spirit of transparency and compassion. They were drafted in the hope of putting our mission of sharing the love of Jesus in action by clearly stating the physical measures we are taking to ensure one another's safety during worship, as well as to create a framework for future decisions regarding the COVID-19 virus to be made in a quick, efficient, and effective manner.

Passed with quorum and a majority vote on August 15, 2021.

¹ Amended and passed with majority vote.