

## **COVID RESPONSE TEAM REPORT**

### **Friday, July 2, 2021**

Shortly before Wednesday's *Midweek Minute* was going to be sent out, Natasha Yearsely, our Little Lights Learning Center's Director, was notified by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning in the PA Department of Human Services that the wearing of masks by the children and adults is no longer required. Natasha immediately notified the families of this change, which became effective yesterday.

When the Covid Response Team last announced changes in May, it required the wearing of masks in areas shared with Little Lights (Gathering, Fun Room and Gymnasium) Monday through Friday to comply with its daycare center's mask mandate from the state. Since that has now been lifted, the weekday wearing of masks is no longer required at CUMC.

Additionally, the Covid Response Team had been asking as a courtesy to those unable to become vaccinated that masks be worn in the Gathering upon entering and leaving services on Sundays. The CRT now feels that with the lifting of masks for our unvaccinated children in our daycare center, mask wearing can now be totally optional on Sundays. Socially distanced seating will remain available in the Worship Center for those who feel safer sitting there.

CUMC and the community in which we live are not out of the woods yet regarding this pandemic. The Covid Response Team will remain in place to monitor the latest variants and CDC recommendations. If additional precautions seem wise in the future, the team will make any necessary changes. We thank all of you for your positive responses to the many procedures we have asked you to follow throughout these past sixteen months.