

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

COVID numbers are on the rise again. The CDC has changed Cleveland County's level/risk from low to medium and Oklahoma County to high. In Norman there has been a slow increase in the number of new cases. In fact, you may have noticed more people going masked in stores than a few months ago.

Therefore, St. Michael's is currently recommending the following:

1. We recommend that everyone wears a mask at church except while reading/speaking at a microphone, leading a worship service, or while eating/drinking. We are going to ask all clergy to be masked for communion.
2. If you live in or visit any place in Oklahoma County, you should be wearing a mask for your own protection and for those around you.
3. Coffee hour and refreshments will continue. Due to our current extremely hot temperatures, this will continue inside. However, if an easy way can be found to provide a shaded AND cool-ish space outdoors, then we will ask people to move outside while they converse and munch on goodies.
4. At this time, we will continue to do communion as we are currently doing.
5. If you haven't been vaccinated, we encourage you to get vaccinated. If you have been vaccinated but haven't had your boosters (including the 3<sup>rd</sup>), then we recommend you get your boosters ASAP. The CDC is recommending vaccinations for anyone over 6 months of age if eligible. Please check with your physician/pediatrician if you have concerns about vaccinating yourself or your child.
6. If Cleveland County moves into high risk/community level per the CDC or a large spike in the number of cases in Norman is seen, then we will return to masks being required rather than recommended.

Peace be with you,

Deacon Laura Blazek  
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As the Senior Warden, I endorse the comments and recommendations concerning the increasing Covid numbers in Oklahoma and Cleveland counties. My position as Senior Warden is -and has been- that the recommendations of our Worship Committee will guide changes deemed necessary by that committee.

Peter Rodrigues  
Senior Warden.