

Friends, Shawnee County has instituted a new mandate in regard to the Covid-19 virus, effective today. This mandate states that social distancing of at least six feet, or the use of face masks or shields are required in all public settings, Churches included.

We're aware that opinions are strong and vary widely among those at Lion & Lamb Church as to the wisdom and legitimacy of these mandates, particularly as they apply to the Church. Opinions among the Elders vary notably in regard to these mandates as well. Rather than see this as a cause of strife and separation it's our prayer that this diversity will bring out the best in all of us as we, with faltering steps to be sure, follow Jesus in giving to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.

Seating with the recommended six-foot distancing will be set up throughout the building. We encourage those of you who also wish to wear a mask or shield to do so. If you plan to wear a mask or shield and are comfortable with seating spacing of less than six-feet, would you please email Mike Halpin (MGH19@Protonmail.com) to let him know so additional seating can be made available; thanks.

We also encourage extended family groups and home groups to sit together to maximize available seating.

This spacing will reduce available seating and we may find it needful to resort again to some of us meeting with homegroups for fellowship while corporately viewing the service online. We'll have to monitor this.

As always, if you're ill or have been around someone else who's been ill, please join us online instead of at the building.

We'll send updates and additional information as needed.

In the midst of social unrest and divisions we're called to love God and each other, and in so doing display the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 15: 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Lion & Lamb Elders