



April 5, 2022

Greetings Preschool Families,

On Monday, April 4, the Consistory of Immanuel United Church of Christ held their monthly meeting and the topic of masking in the preschool was discussed at length. Upon review of the CDC and AAP guidelines along with local data, the Consistory voted to make masking at Immanuel Preschool of Shillington optional for all students, staff, and visitors starting next week.

This policy change will go into effect on Monday, April 11 and will remain in effect through the end of the preschool year, unless there is a change in the local COVID environment. We will continue to closely monitor the community spread, positivity rate, and any new developments or variants in the pandemic in Berks County and in our preschool setting. As we continue to monitor and react to the ever-changing conditions, any and all changes to our policy will be communicated as soon as possible.

We continue to recognize and acknowledge that families have individual needs and health concerns, and we encourage you to make the decision regarding the masking of your preschooler that is right for your family. In addition, all families are required to continue to monitor your child's health daily in accordance with our COVID protocols and keep your child at home if they have any symptoms. At school, we will continue the enhanced cleaning, hand-washing, and other COVID-specific protocols that have been in place throughout the school year.

We appreciate your vigilance throughout this pandemic and ask that you continue to be vigilant through the end of the school year. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we seek to continue to offer our preschoolers a fun, safe, and secure learning environment.

Thank you again for your patience.

Valerie Frederick  
Director