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*Church In Bethesda Sars-Cov-2 Food Service Policy*

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

As a community, we have set forth thresholds for when food service following Sunday meetings is acceptable to best protect the most vulnerable individuals in our community. These thresholds are not concerned with the very, very low risk of SARS-Cov-2 spreading from food that is shared, but rather from individuals pulling down their mask to eat or drink.

The Servants Group has decided that the risk of transmission is sufficiently low as to allow for us to share food inside so long as COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County MD have not exceeded 125 cases per 100,000 people (using the 7-day rolling average reported by Montgomery County's Department of Health), and Montgomery County is currently below a 5% test positivity rate. As long as these thresholds are not exceeded by the Wednesday before our Sunday meeting, we will facilitate the sharing of food with those interested after our worship service.

*Please remember that we require all individuals to wear a mask while not actively eating or drinking.*

If you have further questions or concerns, please e-mail us at [office@churchinbethesda.org](mailto:office@churchinbethesda.org) so that may get in touch with you.

Thank you for your flexibility during these strange times.

Sincerely,  
The Servants Group

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