

Protocols for Church Services and Ceremonies in the Sanctuary

- Masks are required. No exceptions unless speaking or singing as a performer.
- Congregational singing will require masks. Attendees will be reminded to bring appropriate masks and failing that, masks will be provided by the Church.
- Anyone who refuses to wear a mask will be asked not to attend the service.
- Social distancing is required. Up to TEN people not of the same household may sit together but the group must be at least 6 feet away from other groups or individuals not part of the group. Every other pew in the Sanctuary has been clearly marked as closed and there will be a monitor to enforce mask usage and social distancing.
- Staff must stay home if they have COVID-symptoms or have tested positive.
- Live musical performers must be six feet from each other and 12 feet from the audience.
- Those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 will be encouraged not to attend in-person services. On-line church services will continue. Vaccination is to be encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated.
- Frequent handwashing and hygiene are to be encouraged and hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations.
- Individuals who are not part of a household group must be separated by a physical distance of at least 6 feet, and household groups must be separated from other household groups by more than 6 feet, whenever possible.
- Attendees or members of the congregation must wear face coverings during the entire service or ceremony, even when singing or chanting.

Key Requirements for Music and Musical Performances [any place in the building]

- "Singing and instrumental music produced by woodwind or brass instruments are thought to be higher risk activities for COVID-19 spread due to the aggressive expelling of respiratory droplets. This can result in aerosols that can hang in the air for hours. Much attention has been given to the risks of singing because of "super-spreading" events documented during this pandemic. It is important to take extra precautions when participating in musical activities, especially if they involve vocalists and wind instrument musicians."
- Congregational singing, group singing, or chanting by attendees is not recommended in indoor ceremonies or services. However, if congregational singing is allowed, both of the following requirements must be met: MUSIC ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES DURING COVID - 19:

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Key Requirements for Gatherings in the Fellowship Hall

- Occupancy of the Fellowship Hall is limited to 100 persons. [This does not include workers and/or performers.] Thus, a few more than 100 persons is acceptable.
- Facemasks and social distancing of at least 6 feet between groups/individuals not part of a group are required with the same rules as apply to the Sanctuary. This will be monitored.
- Access to the Fellowship Hall will be monitored to enforce mask and social distancing requirements. Groups of up to 10 people not of the same household together and sit together. Six feet of social distancing will be maintained between and among groups and individuals not part of any group.
- There will be a staggering of groups and/or individuals not part of a group for entering the Fellowship Hall and they will be seated prior to the entry of the next group or individual.
- The same rules for musical performances applicable in the Sanctuary apply in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, performers must use a different entrance into the Fellowship Hall than the attendees.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be appropriately placed inside the Fellowship Hall.
- For gatherings involving food and/or drink, access to the food and/or drink line will be staggered by socially distanced tables and directed by the monitor.
- Consuming of food/drink may only occur while seated at the table assigned.
- Attendees must wear a face mask at all times except when consuming food/drink. This does not mean they can take off the mask when seated. It means they can only take it off just before starting to eat/drink. When finished with the meal the mask must be re-applied.
- Workers and performers must be masked unless eating/drinking or performing. They must be seated to eat/drink.
- The Fellowship Hall will be cleaned and disinfected each time a gathering is finished.