



DIOCESAN COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Effective April 8, 2022

To be reviewed and updated by the diocesan COVID-19 task force as needed.

Recognizing the uniqueness of space/facilities and comfort level of each parish and its members, the following changes are offered to support our shared commitment to the safety and well-being of all who come together in worship and in the use of our facilities.

Each parish/community will need to consider its own readiness and capacity to address the lifting of restrictions.

Capacity

All capacity restrictions are now lifted.

Eucharist

Current Eucharist guidelines will remain in place until Maundy Thursday, April 14, at which time reception in two kinds will be permitted.

Masking

While the mandate to wear masks indoors has been lifted, it is recommended that parishes continue the practice of wearing masks during church worship services. This is based on demographics of our congregations, singing together (including choirs), limited ventilation and physical space.

Clergy will continue to wear a fresh disposable mask when distributing communion.

We anticipate that the use of masks will continue to evolve in the weeks to come as we make the transition from mandated mask wearing to individual choice. It is recommended that we remain cautious as we move forward, knowing that there are some in our church family who are immuno-compromised and young children under five years of age who are still not able to be vaccinated. Our commitment is to support each other in ensuring a safe environment for all to participate as much as possible.

Receptions/Meals/Potlucks

All restrictions are now lifted.

Long-Term Care Facilities

Visitation restrictions are now lifted.

Communal gatherings for Eucharist are not recommended in care facilities. Individual visits with communion in one kind (bread) is permitted.

Proof of Vaccine Card

Proof of vaccination is no longer required.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support in keeping everyone safe.