

Good Samaritan Gathering Guidelines 11/21/2021

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The following guidelines for outdoor gatherings apply beginning on 11/21/2021.

1. Sunday Worship

- At in-person worship gatherings:
 - Sign-in sheets will include names and a household contact method in case notification is needed later.
 - Seating will be encouraged to be distanced by household.
 - **Everyone** over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask over mouth and nose.
 - All participants should self-screen before attending worship in person, and stay home if they have a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms, or within ten days of a positive COVID test result.
 - Communion will be consecrated and distributed in concert with diocesan guidelines.
 - Baptism is permissible in the normal fashion, with both the water rite and chrismation by the officiant. While administering the rite, masks should be worn and distancing should be maintained when possible.
 - All participants are welcome to join in congregational singing (while masked).
 - Preachers, readers, or vocalists may remove their masks while performing that task provided sufficient distance between them and others. Choirs too large to distance should remain masked while singing. The priest celebrating Eucharist should remain masked while doing so.

2. Non-worship gatherings (e.g small group activities, classes, etc.)

For **all** non-worship gatherings:

- As you interact with other people, please be respectful and considerate of those with more cautious preferences for social distancing and masking.
- Attendance must be recorded for each gathering (e.g. sign-in sheet with names and email/phone) in case exposure notification is needed.
- All participants should self-screen before attending worship in person, and stay home if they have a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms, or within ten days of a positive test result.
- Only groups of 10 or fewer fully vaccinated people may choose to meet in restaurant settings. Larger or mixed groups will continue to meet only in homes or other non-restaurant venues.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated should mask for all non-worship gatherings.

- Occasional non-worship gatherings may be approved for Harris Academy (building and grounds). To request approval for such an event, contact beth@churchthatserves.org. Please do not contact Harris Academy independently.
- Any gathering may be held online for any reason. To request a Zoom link for an event, contact admin@churchthatserves.org.

For **Children's Ministry gatherings**, the Director of Children and Youth Ministries will have the discretion to require masks or make them optional for vaccinated people, on an activity by activity basis.

For **all other non-worship gatherings of up to 30 people**, masks are optional for fully vaccinated people and required for anyone who is not fully vaccinated.

For **large gatherings of 31 or more people**, masks are required for everyone over the age of 2.

3. Food and drink

- Food and beverages from any source are permitted.
- Food may either be served by a server or self-service.
 - If food is served, the server must be masked and vaccinated and use gloves and/or tongs to handle the food.
 - If food is self-service, all participants (regardless of vaccination status) must be masked while at the food station and use utensils to handle the food. Gloves and sanitizer must be furnished and their use is encouraged.

4. Good Sam's Episcopal Church participation in community events

- Official Good Samaritan participation in community events must be approved by the wardens or vicar before commitments are made, in order to ensure that the event is consistent with our guidelines.
- Individuals representing Good Samaritan at community events (i.e. at a table, carrying a banner, etc.) are asked to follow current CDC recommendations for masking and social distancing.
- Ministry leaders may continue to promote any community event, but should clearly communicate to Good Samaritans what the event protocols will be. (For example, a downtown march might have a mask requirement but no social distancing.)

These guidelines are in place until replaced. They will be re-evaluated and updated before March 1, 2022.