

HSAC Indoor Worship Guidelines

August 2021

Masks

Upon going back inside we ask everyone above 2 years of age to wear a mask the entire time with the exception of when a leader is leading a portion of the service at a microphone (ex: readers, celebrant, preacher, song leader, cantor, etc.).

Social Distancing

We will encourage people to socially distance, allowing at least 6 feet between themselves and anyone with whom they do not live. Attendees may determine their own households.

Ventilation

The doors of the church will remain open during our worship. These include the double entry doors to the narthex (lobby) and the two doors on either side of the church nearer the front. Windows will be opened to allow air flow.

Children's Education

When we resume our children's education offerings (the classroom for those 3-7 and the nursery for 0-2), teachers and nursery workers will wear masks. The children's education teacher who will remove their mask while teaching the lesson, remaining well socially-distanced from the children for that period, and return their mask to its place once they are done teaching the lesson.

Communion Procedure

Ushers will dismiss one family unit at a time for communion, giving each family space to move toward the available communion station before dismissing another family.

The Usher will pump hand sanitizer for each person as they enter the aisle.

Two stations will be available for communion, each with a priest and an assistant, all masked, to form two lines for communion.

The communicant will approach the priest, hands folded flat held in front of them, the priest will place communion in their hand, they walk back to their seat before removing their mask consuming the host.

Fellowship Time

The courtyard will be available for fellowship of the church family after the service. Once outside, masks are optional. In the fall, the church will begin to provide light refreshments to enable this fellowship.

Those Not Comfortable with Indoor Worship

Once we move inside, we will end our live stream. An audio recording of the sermon will continue to be posted on our website each week.

An outside area will be set up outside the church where those who are not comfortable being inside can participate in worship. We will station an EZ up and chairs at the side door of the church for a view of the front. A speaker will be placed outside so that worshippers can hear and respond to the liturgy. For communion, a priest and assistant will move outdoors to distribute communion to any worshipping in this outdoor setting.

Those who are not comfortable attending in either format will be contacted and offered a communion visit under whatever circumstances they feel comfortable.

Positive Test Policy

Should an attendee of our worship service test positive for COVID, the church will revert to live streaming services (without in-person attendance) for two Sundays. Should the data of cases and test positivity rates in the county reduce, this policy will be revisited.