



Guidelines for Adding In-Person Worship to Church at Home

In our mission statement, we claim Radiating God's Love to All as being central to our communal identity as members of Christ Episcopal Church. As we begin to add in-person worship to our on-going Church at Home offering, the following guidelines will be enforced in order to fulfill that mission. Spreading the Coronavirus is no way to share the love of God.

As you consider joining us in-person for worship, please evaluate the following:

Do Not Attend if:

- You have symptoms of COVID-19:
 - Fever greater than 99.9°F
 - Unexplained chest cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Newly lost sense of taste or smell
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- You are at high risk for severe illness:
 - 65 years of age or older and unvaccinated
 - Living in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- You have an underlying medical condition, particularly if not well controlled:
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Moderate to severe asthma
 - Serious heart conditions
 - Immunocompromised by condition or medication
 - Diabetes
 - Chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - Liver disease

Church at Home

Our primary focus, in the days before a vaccine or wide-spread, effective treatment, has been to provide you with the opportunity to engage in high-quality worship at home as this has been, by far, the safest option. We are keenly aware that based on the above criteria, a number of our members should not attend any kind of mass gathering until fully vaccinated.

Church in the Pews

When Warren County returns to orange or better status, positivity rates are below 4%, at least one month into Vaccine Phase 1C, and The Restart Taskforce or Rector/wardens feel comfortable that in the pews worship can be added to **Church at Home** and **A Good Place to Say your Prayers**, the following guidelines will be mandatory for all. The Rector, in consultation with the Wardens, holds the right to cancel in-person worship at any time.

Cleaning

Our cleaning vendor, NewCon, is equipped to disinfect Surface Hall and adjacent restrooms, as necessary, between each in-person service utilizing EPA and CDC recommended cleaning products. An in-line iWave air purification system has been installed in the Nave, which has been shown to significantly reduce the potential for COVID-19 exposure.

Prior to Arrival

- **RSVP** - Since we are limited to 50% capacity, it will be of great help in planning and preparation if you would RSVP for the service you wish to attend. This can be done by 1) signing up through SignUp Genius, 2) Emailing Karen Crabtree at karen@cecbg.com, or 3) calling the Parish Office before Thursday at noon.
- **Children's Church and Nursery Care** - Per the Bishop's Pastoral Directive, no childcare or Children's Church will be offered at this time. Children are welcome in worship, wiggles and all.
- **At-Home Health Screening** - If you can answer yes to having any of the symptoms of COVID-19: unexplained chest cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, nausea, diarrhea, headache, sore throat, or a newly lost sense of taste or smell, or if you have been exposed to a documented case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days, **please do not come to church.**

Arrival

- **Arrival Time** - The building will open 15 minutes prior to each service time. This will allow time for the previous service to exit the building.
- **Face Masks** - Face masks are required to be worn by anyone over the age of 2. Please bring and wear your own mask as you exit your vehicle. Disposable and reusable masks will be available at the entrance if you do not have your own.
- **Entrance** - Please enter the building through the State Street glass doors leading into Surface Hall.
- **Physical Distance** - Maintain six feet of physical distance between you and other individuals/families.
- **Form a Line** - If there is a queue to enter the building, six feet of physical distance should be maintained as you line up under the covered walkway around the State Street and Library sides of the building.

As You Enter

- **Physical Distance** - Greet one another with a wave, but please maintain six feet of physical distance at all times.
- **Face Masks** - Face masks are required. Disposable and reusable masks will be available at the entrance if you do not have your own.
- **Hand Sanitizer** - Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
- **Contact Tracing** - Through the RSVP process, your name and telephone number will be recorded. Should a positive case become known after the fact, the Health Department will use this information to contact you.
- **Temperature Check** - A volunteer will take your temperature with one of our infrared, no-touch thermometers. If you have a fever over 99.9°F you will be asked to return home and encouraged to be tested for COVID-19
- **Entering the Nave** - Once you pass through the health screening, an Usher will navigate you entering the Nave via one of the two sets of doors off of Surface Hall. This will be done to ensure that seating is physically distanced and, as much as possible, paths are not crossed.
- **Bulletins** - As has been our pattern for the last several years, full-text bulletins will be distributed by our Ushers. These are for one-time use only. Please take it with you when you leave or dispose of it in the proper receptacle.
- **Things You'll Miss** - Per the Bishop's Pastoral Directive, we have removed the water from the Stoup and all books, papers, and other materials from the Nave.

In the Nave

- **Seating** - In order to maintain physical distancing, pews will be marked off by service and seating capacity. Some pews will be kept empty intentionally. Seating will be marked to allow for 6 feet of space all around individuals and families.
- **The Service** - In the interest of safety, we will not be offering regular communion services for the time being. Sunday Worship will be a service of Ante-Communion or Morning Prayer, just as we have experienced in Church at Home services.
- **Singing** - Per the Bishop's Pastoral Directive there will be no congregational singing for Church in the Pews. Our Music Ministry will continue to offer high-quality music via organ and soloist/duets that we hope will carry God's praise into heaven, on behalf of us all. Hymns will be published for those who are worshipping at home.
- **Offering** - Offerings may be made via stationary offering plates at both entrances to the Nave, through mail, or via our website or app.
- **Restroom Use** - Unless it is an emergency, we ask that you refrain from exiting the Nave to use the restrooms during the service. If you must, please exit using the center aisle, out the Bell Tower Door and re-enter the building through the State Street Glass Doors.

Leaving the Service

- **Exit** - Ushers will dismiss each row, beginning in the rear of the Nave, to exit via the State Street Red or Bell Tower Doors. Please exit the building and head directly to your vehicle.
- **Coffee Hour and Breakfast** - Per the Bishop's Pastoral Directive, there will be no breakfast or coffee hour following any of the services.
- **Physical Distance** - Again, you are encouraged to greet one another with a smile and a wave, but please maintain six feet of physical distance at all times. Please do not stop to gather near doorways.