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Yellow Level

Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 and hospitals are at less than 85% capacity

Orange Level

From 25 to 34.9 cases per 100,000 and hospitals are at less than 85% capacity

Red Level

From 35 to 59.9 cases per 100,000 and hospitals are at less than 90% capacity

Dark Red Level

60 cases or more per 100,000 in your county OR hospitals are at greater than 90% capacity. No in person gatherings. Worship offered online only (livestream, pre-recorded, Zoom, etc.)

NOTE: Congregations may move to the lower level of guidance (such as from orange to yellow) after 14 days of being under the threshold for that level.

- 12 Step groups will be a case by case with approval of Bishop.
- Funerals, baptisms, and weddings will be case by case with approval of Bishop.
- See below for Guidelines on Cleaning and Disinfecting

Link to see case counts in your county:

https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report

Link to see inpatient bed capacity in your region:

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ 47c1cee4d02542bea35bc3324d6cf5e3

Guidelines on Cleaning and Disinfecting

The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads most often by respiratory droplets. When someone infected with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, or talks, respiratory droplets that contain the virus go into the air and can be breathed in by someone nearby. Less often, the virus can get into your body if it is on a surface that you touch and you then touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. The virus cannot get into the body through your skin.

- Cleaning removes dirt and most germs and is usually done with soap and water.
- Disinfecting kills most germs. How well it works depends on the type of chemical used and on using the chemical product only as directed on the label.

Routine cleaning and disinfecting

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched a lot at least daily. Clean between worship services. Items to disinfect include:

- Door knobs and handles
- Stair rails
- Pews
- Handrails
- Light switches

It is not necessary to always use disinfectants as some hard surfaces are rarely touched, for example, floors or bookcases.

Soft surfaces, such as pew cushions, do not need disinfecting or cleaning after every use of the space. When you do clean these surfaces, use products that are approved by the EPA for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 and that are suitable for porous surfaces.

See CDC: Cleaning and Disinfection for Households (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html).

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COVID-19 – Yellow Level

January 17, 2021 – for use when case counts are below 25 cases per 100,000 for 14 days

When 7 day average case counts are below 25 per 100,000 at https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report AND hospitals in the region are below 85% capacity at

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/47c1cee4d02542bea35bc3324d6cf5e3

	Indoors	Outdoors
Maximum Number of People	Up to twenty-five (25) persons if square footage allows (i.e. 25 persons will not exceed the 10 person per 300 square feet condition) OR If the area of the gathering space exceeds 750 square feet, a number of persons up to ten (10) persons per 300 square feet of gathering space to a maximum of 50.	Up to seventy-five (75) persons
	All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders	All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders

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Duration	Forty (40) minutes or less total in the space	Up to one (1) hour total
Spacing	At least six (6) feet apart (including when at the altar) Every other pew/row of chairs cordoned off Do not seat persons directly in front of/behind one another	At least ten (10) feet on all sides (masks not required) between individual or pods ¹ At least six (6) feet on all sides (masks required) between individuals or pods
One Way and Traffic Flow Markings	Yes Idea is to keep people from crossing paths head-on; arrows in tape on the floor or signs may help direct traffic into and out of nave or worship space, into and out of seating, and similar.	Yes Idea is to keep people from crossing paths head-on; arrows on the ground or signs may help direct traffic into and out of seating and similar.

 $^{^{1}}$ A "pod" is a small group that has contact with each other essentially exclusively and otherwise practices social distancing. In effect as of January 17, 2021

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Online Signups Including name and contact information; can also include signing up for seat/placement locations (for example, SignUp Genius)	Recommended If no online signups, names and contact information may be recorded by a designated usher such that only one person touches the pen and paper	Recommended If no online signups, names and contact information may be recorded by a designated usher such that only one person touches the pen and paper
Assigned or Recorded Seating/Placement This information is necessary for contact tracing so we may let people know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.	Yes If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information	Yes If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information
Masks (The CDC does not currently recommend use of face shields as a substitute for masks. Church must have masks available for persons who do not bring their own; medical grade masks not required)	Yes	Yes, while singing, or if spacing less than ten (10) feet apart No, if spacing greater than ten (10) feet apart; however, persons should have masks to wear as they move around and in the event they move closer than ten (10) feet to each other
Musical Instruments	No wind instruments (other than organ)	No wind instruments

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Singing and/or Chanting (including choir practice)	Soloists/single pod of up to five (5) people only Masked, distanced twenty-five (25) feet or more, amplified if possible. Soloist/pods must be tested within four days before singing indoors if singing with more than ten (10) people present.	Yes Masks required, at least twelve (12) feet between individuals/pods.
Eucharist	Yes Received in one kind (hosts)	Yes Received in one kind (hosts).
Passing the Peace/Greetings	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.)	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.)
Offering Plates	No	No

Hand Sanitizer	To be dispensed by a designated usher to each person upon entering the building and again when exiting (required) OR persons may be directed to a hands-free dispenser Also to be available for additional optional use; a designated usher will dispense upon request OR hands-free dispensers may be provided	Use not required, but to be made available (optional); a designated usher will dispense upon request OR persons may be directed to a hands-free dispenser if one is available outdoors
Printed Materials	Yes BCP, Hymnal, and other reusable printed worship materials may be used.	Yes BCP, Hymnal, and other reusable printed worship materials may be used.
Processions	No	Yes with no singing in procession

Restrooms	Emergency use only Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary. Otherwise cordoned off	Emergency use only Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary. Otherwise cordoned off
Food and Beverages	No	Yes Food/drinks must be individually portioned, preferably in closed containers, and set out ahead of time. Masked individuals/pods come up one at a time to get food/drinks, and must keep masks on until they are seated, ten (10) feet apart, and can only be unmasked while eating/drinking.
COVID-19 Contact Tracing Plan	Remind the gathering: Whom to contact at the church if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or test positive within five (5) days after this gathering. When such information is reported, (i) others at the gathering may be notified of	Remind the gathering: Whom to contact at the church if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or test positive within five (5) days after this gathering. When such information is reported, (i) others at the gathering may be notified of

	potential exposure (names will not be shared), (ii) the public health department of the county in which the parish is located will be contacted, and (iii) Canon Loren Lasch will be notified in accordance with Diocesan policy.	potential exposure (names will not be shared) (ii) the public health department of the county in which the parish is located will be contacted, and (iii) Canon Loren Lasch will be notified in accordance with Diocesan policy.
Third Party Space Use (rentals, community meetings)	Yes must follow all guidelines, sign a liability waiver, be approved by Vestry, and Bishop's Office informed.	Yes must follow all guidelines, sign a liability waiver, be approved by Vestry, and Bishop's Office informed.



COVID-19 – Orange Level

January 17, 2021 – for use when case counts are between 25 and 34.9 cases per 100,000

When 7 day average case counts are between 25 and 34.9 per 100,000 at https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report AND hospitals in the region are below 85% capacity at

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/47c1cee4d02542bea35bc3324d6cf5e3

	Indoors	Outdoors
Maximum Number of People	Up to 25 persons if square footage allows (i.e. 25 persons will not exceed the 10 person per 300 square feet condition) OR If the area of the gathering space exceeds 750 square feet, a number of persons up to ten (10) persons per 300 square feet of gathering space to a maximum of 50.	Up to fifty (50) persons All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders
	All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders	

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Spacing	At least six (6) feet apart (including when at the altar) Every other pew/row of chairs cordoned off Do not seat persons directly in front of/behind one another	At least twelve (12) feet on all sides between individual or pods ²
Duration	Forty (40) minutes or less total in the space	Up to one (1) hour total
One Way and Traffic Flow Markings	Yes Idea is to keep people from crossing paths head-on; arrows in tape on the floor or signs may help direct traffic into and out of nave or worship space, into and out of seating, and similar.	Yes Idea is to keep people from crossing paths head-on; arrows on the ground or signs may help direct traffic into and out of seating and similar.

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Online Signups Including name and contact information; can also include signing up for seat/placement locations (for example, SignUp Genius)	Recommended If no online signups, names and contact information may be recorded by a designated usher such that only one person touches the pen and paper	Recommended If no online signups, names and contact information may be recorded by a designated usher such that only one person touches the pen and paper
Assigned or Recorded Seating/Placement This information is necessary for contact tracing so we may let people know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.	Yes If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information	Yes If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information
Masks Church must have masks available for persons who do not bring their own	Yes	Yes
Choir (including in-person practice)	No	No

Musical Instruments	No wind instruments (other than organ)	No wind instruments
Singing and/or Chanting	No not safe at this time for anyone	No not safe at this time for anyone
Eucharist	Yes Received in one kind (hosts)	Yes Received in one kind (hosts).
Passing the Peace/Greetings	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.)	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.)
Offering Plates	No	No

Hand Sanitizer	To be dispensed by a designated usher to each person upon entering the building and again when exiting (required) OR persons may be directed to a hands-free dispenser Also to be available for additional optional use; a designated usher will dispense upon request OR hands-free dispensers may be provided	Use not required, but to be made available (optional); a designated usher will dispense upon request OR persons may be directed to a hands-free dispenser if one is available outdoors
Processions	No not safe at this time	Yes with no singing in procession
Restrooms	Emergency use only Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary. Otherwise cordoned off	Emergency use only Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary. Otherwise cordoned off

	Remind the gathering:	Remind the gathering:
	Whom to contact at the church if you	Whom to contact at the church if you
	develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or	develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or
	test positive within five (5) days after this	test positive within five (5) days after this
COVID-19 Contact	gathering.	gathering.
Tracing Plan		
	When such information is reported, (i) others at the gathering may be notified of potential exposure (names will not be shared), (ii) the public health department of the county in which the parish is located will be contacted, and (iii) Canon Loren Lasch will be notified in accordance with Diocesan policy.	When such information is reported, (i) others at the gathering may be notified of potential exposure (names will not be shared) (ii) the public health department of the county in which the parish is located will be contacted, and (iii) Canon Loren Lasch will be notified in accordance with Diocesan policy.
Third Party Space Use	No	No
(rentals, community meetings)	unless approved by Bishop	unless approved by Bishop



COVID-19 – Red Level

January 17, 2021 – for use when case counts are between 35 and 59.9 cases per 100,000

When 7 day average case counts are between 35 and 59.9 per 100,000 at https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report AND hospitals in the region are below 85% capacity at

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/47c1cee4d02542bea35bc3324d6cf5e3

	Outdoors Only
Maximum Number of People	Up to fifty (50) persons All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders
Spacing	At least twelve (12) feet on all sides between individual or pods ³
Duration	Up to one (1) hour total
One Way and Traffic Flow Markings	Yes Idea is to keep people from crossing paths head-on; arrows on the ground or signs may help direct traffic into and out of seating and similar.

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Online Signups Including name and contact information; can also include signing up for seat/placement locations (for example, SignUp Genius)	Recommended If no online signups, names and contact information may be recorded by a designated usher such that only one person touches the pen and paper
Assigned or Recorded Seating/Placement This information is necessary for contact tracing so we may let people know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.	Yes If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information
Masks Church must have masks available for persons who do not bring their own; medical grade masks not required	Yes
Choir (including in-person practice)	No
Musical Instruments	No wind instruments
Singing and/or Chanting	No not safe at this time for anyone

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Eucharist	Yes Received in one kind (hosts).
Passing the Peace/Greetings	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.)
Offering Plates	No
Hand Sanitizer	Use not required, but to be made available (optional); a designated usher will dispense upon request OR persons may be directed to a hands-free dispenser if one is available outdoors
Processions	Yes with no singing in procession

Restrooms	Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary. Otherwise cordoned off
COVID-19 Contact Tracing Plan	Remind the gathering: Whom to contact at the church if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or test positive within five (5) days after this gathering. When such information is reported, (i) others at the gathering may be notified of potential exposure (names will not be shared) (ii) the public health department of the county in which the parish is located will be contacted, and (iii) Canon Loren Lasch will be notified in accordance with Diocesan policy.
Third Party Space Use (rentals, community meetings)	No unless approved by Bishop



COVID-19 - Dark Red Level

January 17, 2021 – for use when case counts are above 60 cases per 100,000

When 7 day average case counts are above 60 per 100,000 at https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report

OR hospitals in the region are above 85% capacity at https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/47c1cee4d02542bea35bc3324d6cf5e3

	Livestream or Pre-recording
Maximum Number of People	Up to ten (10) persons Preferably fewer
Spacing	At least six (6) feet on all sides between individual or pods ⁴
Masks Church must have masks available for persons who do not bring their own	Yes
Musical Instruments	No wind instruments

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Singing and/or Chanting	No UNLESS only one person present or <i>all</i> persons present live in the same household.
Eucharist	Yes Received in one kind (hosts).
Passing the Peace/Greetings	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.)
Offering Plates	No
Hand Sanitizer	Use not required, but to be made available (optional); a designated usher will dispense upon request OR persons may be directed to a hands-free dispenser if one is available outdoors
Processions	Yes with no singing in procession

Restrooms	Emergency use only Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary. Otherwise cordoned off
COVID-19 Contact Tracing Plan	Remind the livestream worship team: If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or test positive within five (5) days after this gathering report this to the others on the team and to Canon Loren Lasch in accordance with Diocesan policy.
Third Party Space Use (rentals, community meetings)	No unless approved by Bishop