



Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

# COVID-19 Safer Standards Chart

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	Indoors	Outdoors
Maximum Number of People	<p>One-third (1/3) of the occupancy of the space to a maximum of 100 as long as at least six (6) feet distance is maintained between persons not in the same household.</p> <p><i>All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders</i></p>	<p>Up to one hundred and fifty (150) persons</p> <p><i>All numbers include clergy and lay worship leaders</i></p> <p><i>With larger events, work on where people will park, enter and exit, to minimize interactions outside the liturgy, as possible.</i></p>
Duration	One (1) hour or less total in the space	One and a half (1.5) hours total
Spacing	<p>At least six (6) feet apart (including when at the altar)</p> <p>Do not seat persons directly in front of/behind one another.</p>	<p>At least twelve (12) feet on all sides (masks not required) between individuals or households.</p> <p>At least six (6) feet on all sides (masks required) between individuals or households.</p>

<p><b>One Way and Traffic Flow Markings</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Online Signups</b> Including name and contact information; can also include signing up for seat/placement locations (for example, SignUp Genius)</p>	<p><b>Recommended</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Recommended</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Assigned or Recorded Seating/Placement</b></p> <p>This information is necessary for contact tracing so we may let people know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>If assigned seating is not included in online signups, a designated usher may record along with names and contact information.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masks</b></p> <p>(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)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Not required for readers/officiant/preacher when the distance is at least twenty-five (25) feet from the congregation, amplified if possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Yes, while singing, or when spacing less than twelve (12) feet apart No, if spacing greater than twelve (12) feet apart; not required for readers/officiant/preacher when the distance is at least twelve (12) feet from the congregation, amplified if possible.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Musical Instruments</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No wind instruments (other than organ)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Singing and/or Chanting (including choir practice)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Soloists/single pod of up to five (5) people only</b> Masked, distanced twenty-five (25) feet or more, amplified if possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Masks required, at least twelve (12) feet between individuals/pods.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eucharist</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b> Received in one kind (hosts)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b> Received in one kind (hosts)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Healing Prayers with laying on of hands</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b> Prayer said silently, without other parishioners gathered around also laying on hands.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b> Prayer said silently, without other parishioners gathered around also laying on hands.</p>

<b>Passing the Peace/Greetings</b>	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.)
<b>Offering Plate and Eucharistic Elements</b>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Available for worshippers to use prior to worship and processed up by one or two persons at the offertory. One or two people may separately process the elements for the Eucharist.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Available for worshippers to use prior to worship and processed up by one or two persons at the offertory. One or two people may separately process the elements for the Eucharist.</p>
<b>Hand Sanitizer</b>	To be made available at entrances	To be made available
<b>Printed Materials</b>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>BCP, Hymnal, and other reusable printed worship materials may be used.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>BCP, Hymnal, and other reusable printed worship materials may be used.</p>
<b>Processions</b>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>No singing in procession</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>No singing in procession</p>

<p><b>Restrooms</b></p>	<p>Emergency use only</p> <p>Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary.</p>	<p>Emergency use only</p> <p>Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary.</p>
<p><b>Food and Beverages</b></p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p>Unless a group that meets regularly, such as an EfM group or vestry, discovers everyone is fully vaccinated. Then eating indoors is possible for groups of twenty (20) or fewer.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Food and beverages should be individually portioned, preferably in closed containers, and set out ahead of time. People not in the same household should sit at least twelve (12) feet apart.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Contact Tracing Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Remind the gathering:</b></p> <p>Whom to contact at the church if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or test positive within five (5) days after this gathering.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Remind the gathering:</b></p> <p>Whom to contact at the church if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 and/or test positive within five (5) days after this gathering.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p><b>Small Groups</b> (Vestry, Sunday School, Bible Study, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Must follow all guidelines and be approved by Vestry</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Must follow all guidelines and be approved by Vestry</p>
<p><b>Nursery</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Must follow CDC and Safeguarding guidelines and be approved by Vestry (see Diocesan website for CDC guidelines)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Must follow CDC and Safeguarding guidelines and be approved by Vestry (see Diocesan website for CDC guidelines)</p>
<p><b>Temperature Checks</b></p>	<p><b>No</b> Not required other than for children and staff in the nursery</p>	<p><b>No</b> Not required other than for children and staff in the nursery</p>
<p><b>Third Party Space Use</b> (rentals, community meetings)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Must follow all guidelines, sign a liability waiver, and be approved by Vestry</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Must follow all guidelines, sign a liability waiver, and be approved by Vestry</p>