



Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

COVID-19 Safer Standards Chart

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	Indoors	Outdoors
Maximum Number of People	One-half (1/2) of the occupancy of the space as long as at least six (6) feet distance is maintained between persons not in the same household.	<i>With larger events, work on where people will park, enter and exit, to minimize interactions outside the liturgy, as possible.</i>
Duration	One and a half (1.5) hours total in the space	No time limit on outdoor events
Spacing	At least six (6) feet apart (including when at the altar) for those not fully vaccinated Do not seat persons directly in front of/behind one another.	At least twelve (12) feet on all sides (masks not required) between individuals or households. for those not fully vaccinated At least six (6) feet on all sides (masks required) between individuals or households for those not fully vaccinated.

<p align="center">Online Signups</p> <p>Including name and contact information; can also include signing up for seat/placement locations (for example, SignUp Genius)</p>	<p align="center">Recommended</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 align="center">Recommended</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 align="center">Masks</p> <p>(Church must have masks available for persons who do not bring their own; medical grade masks not required)</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p> <p>Not required for readers/officiant/preacher who are fully vaccinated or when the distance is at least twenty-five (25) feet from the congregation, amplified if possible.</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p> <p>Not required but encouraged for those who are fully vaccinated</p> <p>Yes, while singing, or when spacing less than twelve (12) feet apart for those not fully vaccinated</p> <p>No, if no singing and spacing greater than twelve (12) feet apart, or if fully vaccinated.</p>
<p align="center">Musical Instruments</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>
<p align="center">Singing and Chanting</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p> <p>Masks required, at least six (6) feet between individuals/pods.</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p> <p>Masks and at least six (6) feet between individuals/pods required for those not fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Masks and distancing encouraged but not required for those who are fully vaccinated.</p>

Eucharist	Yes May be offered in both kinds	Yes May be offered in both kinds
Healing Prayers with laying on of hands	Yes Prayer said silently, without other parishioners gathered around also laying on hands.	Yes Prayer said silently, without other parishioners gathered around also laying on hands.
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 Plate and Eucharistic Elements	Yes 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.	Yes 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.
Hand Sanitizer	To be made available at entrances	To be made available
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.

<p>Processions</p>	<p>Yes Fully vaccinated and masked choir may sing in procession.</p>	<p>Yes Fully vaccinated choir may sing in procession.</p>
<p>Restrooms</p>	<p>Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary.</p>	<p>Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary.</p>
<p>Food and Beverages</p>	<p>No 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>Yes 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 unless they discover everyone is fully vaccinated, then distance may be less.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Contact Tracing Plan</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>Small Groups (Vestry, Sunday School, Bible Study, etc.)</p>	<p>Yes Must follow all guidelines and be approved by Vestry Unless a group that meets regularly, such as an EfM group or vestry, discovers everyone is fully vaccinated, then no masks are needed.</p>	<p>Yes Must follow all guidelines and be approved by Vestry</p>
<p>Nursery</p>	<p>Yes Must follow CDC and Safeguarding guidelines and be approved by Vestry (see Diocesan website for CDC guidelines)</p>	<p>Yes Must follow CDC and Safeguarding guidelines and be approved by Vestry (see Diocesan website for CDC guidelines)</p>
<p>Temperature Checks</p>	<p>No Not required other than for children and staff in the nursery</p>	<p>No Not required other than for children and staff in the nursery</p>
<p>Third Party Space Use (rentals, community meetings)</p>	<p>Yes Must follow all guidelines, sign a liability waiver, and be approved by Vestry</p>	<p>Yes Must follow all guidelines, sign a liability waiver, and be approved by Vestry</p>