

Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

COVID-19 Safer Standards Chart

PHASE 2 - May 19, 2021 Revision for use only with Vestry Phase 2 Certification

	Indoors	Outdoors
Maximum Number of People	 No maximum attendance as long as at least six (6) feet distance is maintained between persons not in the same household. Congregations that know more than 70% of those attending are vaccinated may reduce this spacing to three (3) feet. 	No maximum attendance. With larger events, work on where people will park, enter and exit, to minimize interactions outside the liturgy, as possible.
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) Congregations that know more than 70% of those attending are vaccinated may reduce this spacing to three (3) feet. Do not seat persons directly in front of/behind one another.	At least six (6) feet apart between individuals or households. Congregations that know more than 70% of those attending are vaccinated may reduce this spacing to three (3) feet.
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.

	Yes, if not fully vaccinated	
Masks	Required for those not fully vaccinated.	No
Church must have masks available for persons who do not bring their own.	Encouraged, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Encouraged for all when singing, regardless of vaccination status.	Required for unvaccinated persons when singing. Encouraged for all when singing, regardless of vaccination status.
Musical Instruments	Yes	Yes
Singing and Chanting	Yes Masks required for unvaccinated persons when singing. Masks encouraged for all when singing, regardless of vaccination status.	Yes Masks required for unvaccinated persons when singing. Masks encouraged for all when singing, regardless of vaccination status.
Eucharist Practices such as placing hosts in baggies and using tongs to distribute the hosts, which were never required but sometimes practiced, are no longer needed.	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. Holy oil may be used.	Yes Prayer said silently, without other parishioners gathered around also laying on hands. <mark>Holy oil may be used.</mark>

Passing the Peace/Greetings	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.) if all are not vaccinated Congregations that know more than 70% of those attending are vaccinated may reduce this spacing to three (3) feet.	Touch free and maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance (waving, bowing, etc.) if all are not vaccinated Congregations that know more than 70% of those attending are vaccinated may reduce this spacing to three (3) feet.
Offering Plate and Eucharistic Elements	Yes Offering plates may be passed among congregation members. Offering and elements for the Eucharist may be processed.	Yes Offering plates may be passed among congregation members. Offering and elements for the Eucharist may be processed.
Hand Sanitizer	To be made available	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.
Processions	Yes Singing in procession is permitted if all in the procession are fully vaccinated.	Yes

Restrooms	Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary.	Post signs at each restroom detailing safer restroom use and safety precautions as necessary.
Food and Beverages	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.	Yes People not in the same household should sit at least six (6) feet apart unless they discover everyone is fully vaccinated, then distance may be less.
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.	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.

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