

In-Person Gathering Guidelines for St. Michael's in the Hills

Effective Wednesday, June 23, 2021

These guidelines reflect decision of St. Michael's Vestry based upon the relevant science, caution, and their best judgment as to the best interest of the congregation. These guidelines will apply to all church activities including worship, pastoral services, governance, formation, mission, outreach, and use of church buildings by outside organizations.

General Guidelines:

- All participants will respect the preference of those who choose to wear masks and maintain their social distance.
- The maximum number of people at any event is 30% of the maximum occupancy of the space in question. Requests for exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Wardens and Clergy.
- Wind and brass musicians are permitted, with the expectation that ample distance will be maintained from communicants, appropriate to the specific instrument.
- Prayer books, hymnals, and bulletins may be used.
- Communion will be received in one kind only, save for the celebrant.
- Appropriate distance should be maintained during the passing of the Peace, and will preclude physical contact with those who prefer to maintain social distance.
- Pastoral services may resume without previous liturgical restrictions, while observing responsible caution appropriate to the setting.

Outdoor Gatherings:

- Masks are not required of those who are fully vaccinated; however, they are recommended and encouraged for non-vaccinated children, teens, and adults. Note: fully-vaccinated means two (2) weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks after receiving a single dose vaccine.
- Singing by the congregation is allowed.
- Refreshments may be served in individual portions. Participants may also bring their own food for picnics or other meals and events.

Indoor Gatherings:

- Masks are not required of those who are fully vaccinated; however, they are recommended and encouraged for non-vaccinated children, teens, and adults. Note: fully-vaccinated means two (2) weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks after receiving a single dose vaccine.
- Singing by the congregation is allowed.
- Refreshments may be served in individual portions by a person wearing a mask and gloves.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Higher traffic areas and frequently touched surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned weekly.
- Bathrooms should be cleaned and sanitized weekly, as well as following any event of significant size.