

St. John's Episcopal Church
Updated Reopening Protocols
Effective July 11, 2021

As per the new guidelines issued by the CDC, the State of Illinois, and the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, the following protocols will be in place beginning July 11, 2021. Please remember that these are fluid guidelines, meaning, should the number of active cases increase in the future we could return to previous precautionary protocols and or phases as determined by the CDC, State, and Diocese of Chicago.

Until Sunday July 11, 2021 all current procedures will remain in place.

Our new protocols beginning July 11th will be:

Services/Registration/RSVP

- Registering online for services will no longer be required.
- Services will continue with a Friday night 5:30 pm Compline Zoom Service, and Sunday 9:00 am Zoom service, and 11:00 am in-person, for the remaining of the summer.
- Prayer books will be returned to the pews. No hymnals at this time.

Masks

- Parishioners will wear masks as they feel comfortable with the following guidelines:
 - Masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated people.
 - Masks will continue to be required for children and those who are not fully vaccinated. (2 shots and 2 weeks after second shot)

Social Distancing

- All signage for social distancing will be removed.
- People will self-seat and socially distance as they feel comfortable.

Sanitizing

- Current sanitizing protocols will remain in place. Fogging the Nave, Narthex, and Bathrooms, and wiping the doors.

Communion

- We are still required to use the hermetically sealed communion cups.
- We will allow parishioners to come to the railing to stand, receive, and consume communion. Receptacles will be in place to dispose of their cups as they return to their seats.
- The LEM and Lector will continue to distribute communion.

Passing the Peace

- We will continue to pass the peace with a bow or a wave – no physical contact at this time.

Singing

- Current restrictions are still in place regarding singing. No singing at this time.

Coffee Hour/Food Service

- No food or coffee being served at this time. Restrictions still in place.
- No food prep or service may be done at this time using the kitchen. We will update this as soon as we have further information from the Diocese with regard to food service.

Bathrooms/Water Fountain

- Bathrooms will return to being fully functional. All stalls and sinks will be in use.
- Water fountain will remain closed.

Signage

- All directional and socially distanced signage will be removed.
- New signage for masks will be made for all the entrance doors as well as “socially distancing as you are comfortable” signage.

Groups

- Groups may resume meeting in the church beginning August 2, 2021.
- All group leaders must contact the main office to coordinate a scheduled meeting time with the Parish Administrator.
- Sanitizing wipes will be placed in each room and groups are encouraged to sanitize their area when their meeting has concluded.