

In-Person Worship Guidelines

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Before the Service

- In order to maintain appropriate social distancing in the sanctuary, we are marking off pews that are not to be used. Please only sit one household per pew, or in larger pews only two households where six feet of social distancing can take place. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the service.
- **Please DO NOT attend but remain home and watch online if:**
 - You have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, or are not feeling well.
 - Over the last 14 days you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, live with someone who has, or have been exposed to someone who has.
- All individuals who are 65 and older or who have underlying health conditions are encouraged to stay home and worship online.
- Pastors, staff and musicians will have their temperatures taken and be screened before worship.
- Much like we do with "Stand," "Sit," or "Kneel," we will give prompts on the screen when we are asked to wear a mask and when it can be removed, if you so choose.
- Please remember to always wear your masks upon entry and exiting the building.
- Please remember to interact with others from a distance of six feet, even in the parking lots.
- All attendees must use hand sanitizer upon arriving, as well as before and after using the restroom.
- **Restrooms.** Only two people may use the restroom at one time and should keep a 6 foot distance from each other. Please wait outside the restroom until it is available. Please use the hand sanitizer outside the restroom before and after using the restroom.
- The sign of peace will be shared without physical contact (no handshakes, hugs, etc.).
- The baptismal font is now filled. Studies have not shown a major concern of transmission through water (hence public swimming pools have been opened.) Our font is treated chemically and with ultraviolet light. For now the dishes on the side doors will remain empty.
- Collection basket(s) will be in a designated area for parishioners to drop in their offering. Online giving is encouraged.
- The parenting room will be closed.
- **Cleaning.** The building will be cleaned after every service.

Upon Arrival & During the Service:

Do I need to wear a mask?

- For our outdoor worship masks will not be required.
- We are standardizing all of our indoor worship services in regard to masks.
 - As a general rule We will wear masks when we sing. When we are listening and speaking they are optional.
- This should make the time wearing and not wearing a mask about 50/50.

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- **Music:** Based on the reports about singing and transmission of germs we have made the decision that we are going to wear masks when we sing. All worship services will have congregational singing, but you can take your mask off when appropriate, guided by the on-screen instructions.
- **Communion:** Pastors/Eucharistic Ministers will disinfect hands prior to serving communion and will wear face masks as they serve.
 - Intinction. The pastor or Eucharistic ministers will dip the Body of Christ (bread) into the Blood of Christ (wine) and then present it to you. Please carefully take the host with your right hand at the top right hand corner of the host. Think "2 PM" on a round clock. Place your left hand underneath in case the precious Blood would drip. If it does drip on your hand, please consume it.
 - Every effort must be made to avoid hand-to-hand contact. If a pastor/Eucharistic minister senses that hand-to-hand contact has been made, they will stop and use hand sanitizer before continuing with Communion.

Reporting & Case Protocol:

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:14.

As Christian citizens we have an obligation to protect one another, especially those most vulnerable. In the event you or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after attending church we ask that you please report that information as soon as possible, directly to our Executive Director, Tom Haeussler (tomhaeussler@trinityl.org). Your identity will be kept strictly confidential.

Timely and transparent communication of this information is essential to maintain the health and safety of our entire Trinity Family and our shared ministry.

In the event of a positive case reported to the staff at Trinity we will take the following steps:

- We will contact our local health officials for guidance on the need for closures and additional cleaning measures above our enhanced cleaning protocols.
- We will notify the congregation of the positive case and our plans for the following week as it pertains to in-person worship, the protective measures we have taken, and any further precautions we have instituted.
- If you believe you may have come into contact with the reported case, we would recommend: monitoring your health closely, familiarizing yourself with all symptoms of COVID-19, and seeking medical care when needed.