

St. Mary's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
Covid Pandemic Protocols  
Revision #2

In-light-of the prevalence and transmissibility of the Omicron variant the re-entry team met to consider changes to our protocols that will help keep our community safe while attending worship services, fellowship events and educational offerings. Also, consideration is given to community members who are using our spaces. These revisions are to be in effect for the time being and the re-entry team will meet again in February to consider the situation at that time and if returning to Zoom only is warranted. In the meantime, Zoom services and live streaming are available and those at high risk or who are not vaccinated are encouraged to attend online rather than in-person.

Notification of these changes will be sent to parishioners by email and will be published in the weekly bulletin and on St. Mary's website.

A special meeting of the Vestry was held for an opportunity to discuss the status of the pandemic and the proposed changes to the protocols. The Vestry's approval of these changes is required.

Protocol revisions:

1. Proof of vaccination is required at the time of entry for all who wish to attend in person services and events. Full vaccination includes primary vaccination plus booster vaccine if eligible by dates.
2. Children who are too young to be vaccinated (under 5yrs old) are welcome to sit with their family in church as long as socially distanced from all others and masked if 2 years of age or older. The Toddler Room will be unavailable for the time being.
3. Individuals are advised not to come to any events if they have symptoms or may have recently been exposed to the virus.
4. A rapid test on the day of the event is not sufficient for entry.
5. Masks are required at all times while on campus. Surgical masks or N95/KN95s are to be worn covering the mouth and nose. No valve masks. Fabric masks may be worn outside only.
6. Priests, Lectors and Intercessors are to be masked while reading and speaking.
7. Priests will wear gloves or use hand sanitizer immediately before offering wafers and avoid touching the skin when placing the wafer in the hands of parishioners.
8. Signs will be displayed with "Love Your Neighbor – Out of an abundance of caution and for the time being full vaccination is required along with surgical masks or KN95/N95 masks and social distancing."
9. To accommodate those who are unvaccinated or otherwise unable to attend in person, we offer a weekly Zoom service and live streaming of the in-person service." A wifi

password can be provided to individuals who cannot enter the buildings but wish to watch the Zoom or Live stream service.

10. No choir or congregational singing until further notice.
11. Ropes will be placed on every other pew to encourage social distancing.
12. No food or drink will be provided or allowed at events and "Coffee Hour" will be for fellowship only.
13. These protocols follow current CDC and OSHA standards, state and local guidelines and are intended to provide guidance to all groups using St. Mary's spaces.

Vestry approved: January 11, 2022