

St. Mary's by-the-Sea Church
Covid Protocols, Revision #5

The following Covid protocols are effective 4/2/2023 and until later reviewed by the re-entry team and approved by the vestry. The protocols apply to all on-campus activities as specified. Livestream coverage is available for all who are not able to attend in-person worship services. These protocols will be posted on St. Mary's website.

The purpose of these protocols is to give parishioners opportunities to gather safely for spiritual support, education, and fellowship.

1. Covid vaccination is strongly recommended.
2. Individuals are advised not to come to any events if they have symptoms of Covid or may have been recently exposed to the virus.
3. Masks are highly recommended but not required on St. Mary's campus.
4. Masks are required for seating in the front section of the church to accommodate those who need to wear a mask and maintain a safe distance from those not masking.
5. To be effective surgical masks or N95/KN95's must be worn covering the mouth and nose. Valve masks and fabric masks do not provide adequate coverage.
6. When sharing a space with another group, the most stringent requirement of the groups present prevails.
7. Ushers must wear masks.
8. St. Mary's choir will continue to wear masks when gathered and while singing, unless choir members unanimously agree to make masks optional.
9. CSC volunteers will continue to wear masks while on campus and while working with clients.
10. Doors and windows are to remain open during indoor gatherings and air purifiers will be used when available.
11. Priests must wear a mask when delivering communion. Priests must wear gloves or use hand sanitizer immediately before offering wafers and avoid touching the skin when placing the wafer in the hands of parishioners. Lay Eucharistic Ministers assisting with communion must wear masks.
12. Signs will be displayed with "Love Your Neighbor – Wear A Mask" out of an abundance of caution.
13. Social distancing is advised.
14. Each group wishing to use St. Mary's space must obtain the Rector's approval.
15. These protocols follow current CDC and OSHA standards, state and local guidelines, and are intended to provide guidance to all using St. Mary's spaces.

Approved by St. Mary's vestry March 25, 2023