

## The Church of the Holy Trinity COVID Protocol Committee Thresholds for Worship

The COVID Protocol Committee recommends continuing to use the statistics for Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania published on the COVID Act Now website as the benchmarks for determining what worship activities are allowed. The site tracks 3 major statistics, and assigned them five levels of concern:

### NUMBER OF NEW DAILY CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION

- **Low concern:** less than 1 daily new case per 100,000 population
- **Medium concern:** 1 - 9.9 daily new cases per 100,000 population
- **High concern:** 10 - 24.9 daily new cases per 100,000 population (*at 15 cases CDC says mask*)
- **Critical concern:** 25 - 74.9 daily new cases per 100,000 population
- **Extreme concern:** 75 or greater daily new cases per 100,000 population

### INFECTION RATE (the higher this number the more likely cases are growing exponentially)

- **Low concern:** less than 0.90 new infections for each new case
- **Medium concern:** 1.00 - 1.09 new infections for each new case
- **High concern:** 1.10 - 1.39 new infections for each new case
- **Critical concern:** 1.40 - 2.09 new infections for each new case
- **Extreme concern:** 2.1 or greater new infections for each new case

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### TEST POSITIVITY RATE (the higher this number the more likely cases are not being detected)

- **Low concern:** less than 3% of tests positive
- **Medium concern:** 3 - 9.9% of tests positive
- **High concern:** 10 - 19.9% of tests positive
- **Critical concern:** 20 - 35.9% of tests positive
- **Extreme concern:** 36% or greater of tests positive

### MASKS

Should be required to attend church until ALL THREE of the following conditions are met:

1. all metrics are green (i.e. adequate testing confirms no community spread in the city)
2. vaccines available to all ages for at least 8 weeks
3. citywide vaccination rate above 70%

### VACCINATION

Is not required to attend church, but being up-to-date on vaccination under CDC guideline is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. All church staff, paid & volunteer choir members, and paid child care workers are required to be up to date on vaccination under CDC guidance. In other settings/for other activities vaccination may be required (i.e. for all church staff and choir members working at Holy Trinity; for rental groups that present higher risk; certain volunteers with public-facing duties; for congregants to attend youth groups; or to receive childcare).

**ANY EXTREME** THRU **2+ CRITICAL** statistics -

### Phase: Extreme Caution: Live Streamed Church w/ participants only



- Service is streamed live with only participants in attendance.
- Masking required. Testing and other guidance for safety may be in place.
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows.

**1 CRITICAL** THRU **ALL HIGH** statistics -

### Phase: Community Caution: In Person & Live-Streamed Church, vaccination only



- One 11AM service - attended only by participants, streamed live in real-time.
- Proof of up-to-date vaccination in line with current CDC recommendations required.
- Highest quality masking required (provided), social distancing enforced.
- Bread offered in pews (no wine) after sanitizing hands, to be eaten after the priest leaves
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows.
- No in person youth activities.

**0-2 HIGH** THRU **1-3 MEDIUM** statistics -

### Phase: Community Care: In Person & Live-Streamed Church



- One 11AM service - attended by participants and household pods by pew, live-streamed
- Up-to-date vaccination in line with current CDC recommendations strongly encouraged.
- High quality masks required (provided) & social distancing enforced.
- Bread offered in pews (no wine) after sanitizing hands, to be eaten after the priest leaves.
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows.
- In-person youth/children programming with up-to-date vaccination for all attendees.
- No childcare.

**1-2 MEDIUM** THRU **1-2 GREEN** statistics

### Phase: Open Community: In Person & Live-Streamed Church



- One 11AM service - attended by participants and household pods by pew, live-streamed
- Up-to-date vaccination in line with current CDC recommendations strongly encouraged.
- Masks required (provided) & social distancing (3 ft.) enforced.
- Bread offered at standing station in front of altar (no wine), to be eaten after returning to seat.
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows.
- In-person youth/children programming with up-to-date vaccination for all attendees.
- No childcare.

**ALL GREEN** statistics

### Phase: Wide Open Community- WIDE OPEN HEARTS, WIDE OPEN DOORS



- Service(s) attended by anyone who wishes to enter the building, doors left open throughout service
- Up-to-date vaccination in line with current CDC recommendations strongly encouraged.
- General AND socially distanced seating area offered.
- Wrist bands to indicate comfort interacting with others (red, yellow, green)
- Communion offered at altar rail (wine offered when allowed by diocese).
- In-person youth activities for young people with up-to-date vaccination. In person childcare.\*\*\*
- Changes to masking when vaccination availability and adoption hit benchmark

\*\*\*NOTE: after vaccines are available for 8 weeks - with rules set by staff providing this activity.