

The Church of the Holy Trinity COVID Protocol Team Thresholds for Worship

The COVID Protocol Team has updated our protocol to use the new CDC Community Risk Level guidelines - continuing to use the statistics for Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania published on the COVID Act Now website (<http://www.covidactnow.org>) as the benchmarks for determining what worship activities are allowed. The site tracks 3 major statistics, and assigns them 2-3 levels of concern:

NUMBER OF WEEKLY NEW REPORTED CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION

- **Lower concern:** less than 200 weekly new cases per 100,000 population
- **Higher concern:** 200 or more weekly new cases per 100,000 population

WEEKLY COVID HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 POPULATION

- **Low concern:** less than 10 new hospital admissions per 100,000 population
- **Medium concern:** 10 - 19.99 new hospital admissions per 100,000 population
- **High concern:** 20 or more new hospital admissions per 100,000 population

PERCENT OF STAFFED INPATIENT HOSPITAL BEDS OCCUPIED BY PATIENTS WITH COVID

- **Low concern:** less than 10% of staffed inpatient hospital beds occupied by COVID patients
- **Medium concern:** 10 - 19.99% of staffed inpatient hospital beds occupied by COVID patients
- **High concern:** 20% or more of staffed inpatient hospital beds occupied by COVID patients

REGISTRATION

Is not required to attend church. Anyone wishing to attend church can enter the service at any time, and our doors will remain unlocked.

MASKS

Will be OPTIONAL AT LOW RISK, and REQUIRED AT MORE OR HIGH RISK. High quality masks (N-95, KN-95, KF-94) must be worn - and will be available at the door - when masks are required.

VACCINATION

Is not required to attend church, but being up-to-date on vaccination under CDC guidelines 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. rental groups that present higher risk; certain volunteers with public-facing duties; congregants attending youth groups; or to receive childcare, etc.).

TESTING

Is not required to attend church, but is strongly encouraged at the high level of risk.

In other settings/for other activities testing may be required (i.e. rental groups that present higher risk; certain volunteers with public-facing duties; choir members without masks in LOW RISK level, etc.).

LOW RISK (ALL LOW statistics)

- Communion bread offered in stations at front of aisle (wine offered to a single family by sign-up).
- In-person youth activities for young people with up-to-date vaccination. In-person childcare.
- Indoor coffee hour and fellowship.

MORE RISK (ANY MEDIUM statistics)

- High quality masking required (KN-95s provided)
- Social distancing enforced.
- Communion bread offered in pews after sanitizing hands (wine offered to a single family by sign-up).
- In-person youth activities for young people with up-to-date vaccination. In-person childcare.
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows.

HIGH RISK (TWO OR MORE MEDIUM or ANY HIGH statistics)

- High quality masking required (KN-95s provided).
- Negative rapid tests are strongly encouraged.
- Communion bread offered in pews after sanitizing hands (wine offered to a single family by sign-up).
- No in-person youth/children programming. No childcare.
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows.

IMMEDIATE RISK (VESTRY DISCRETION)

- Service is streamed live with only participants in attendance.
- Testing and other guidance for safety may be in place.
- Outdoor fellowship as weather allows, commencing shortly after the end of services.

In the event of a significant outbreak in Philadelphia, the Vestry (with a recommendation from the Protocol Committee and input from the Rectors) will determine if services will shift to virtual only, and for what duration.