

## 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 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.
- 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 stations at front of aisle (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.