



Summary of Gulf Atlantic Diocesan Covid19 Guidelines

- Masks for all congregants and anyone on the platform within 20 feet of others
- Musicians and lectors should mask if within 6 feet of others or if sharing equipment
- Social distancing by households in pews
- Limit attendees to an acceptable, socially distanced number
- Consider air circulation needs based on your space; outdoor services are better; open doors when possible, including bathrooms
- Indoor services should have ample time between services for the air to circulate out (standard recommendation is equal time spent occupied as unoccupied)
- Clean surfaces between services
- Minimize shared use of materials such as pamphlets, books, equipment
- Use alternative ways to give (text to give, online, offering plate at the back of the church for drop off)
- Have hand sanitizers available for congregants upon entry
- Clergy should use hand sanitizer before communion distribution and if they come in contact with anyone
- Masks during communion distribution
- Offer only bread, or bread with previously added drop of wine; or, adhere to communion guidelines dated on Covid webpage from 5/20/20; consider pre-packaging elements
- Consider labeling, or marking off, socially distanced communion distribution logistics according to your sanctuary space
- Follow required protocols for your community based on local spread
- Protect privacy of your congregants who are infected; congregants should not attend services if infected; and if directly exposed, congregants should be informed of exposure without compromising confidentiality
- Encourage any organizations using your facilities to adopt these guidelines
- Keep restrooms stocked with paper towels and soap
- Avoid buffets, consider pre-packaged meals
- For childcare, see CDC guidelines
- Train volunteers and staff on these guidelines
- Develop a care team for pastoral care for those who get sick
- Encourage all staff members to have a back-up person to assume their responsibilities if they get sick
- Offer quality online community programming to the best of your ability