

Updated Prince of Peace Worship Guidelines

Updated March 9, 2022

As communicated earlier, we are continuing to monitor Covid levels for Calumet and Outagamie counties. As of March 9th, our local community burden rate is **45** cases per 100,000 for the week compared to **81** last week, and places our congregation in the **low** category. We will continue with the changes to our worship practices announced last week and which **went into effect on March 9th**:

1. Fully Vaccinated – Stay up to date with vaccinations. Masking and social distancing indoors will be optional.
2. Unvaccinated – CDC has no recommendations in this category; PoP recommends N95 and KN94 masks.
3. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a **mask and self-isolate until symptom-free or a negative test**.
4. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).
5. Singing – by congregation with and without masks
6. Communion – during the service per “usual”
7. Socializing – normal with coffee and food served
8. Funerals and meetings – back to usual respecting items 1-4 above

We will continue to monitor the Covid community burden rate on an ongoing basis. Should the burden rate increase to an unacceptable level or new Covid variants emerge, we will review our worship practices and make adjustments to protect the health and safety of our staff, congregation and visitors.

Mark Steine,

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CDC Website Information

Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Community Burden Levels		
Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautionsStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear a mask indoors in publicStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptomsAdditional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

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People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

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Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html> February 25, 2022