

Phased Safety Guide For Worship

Travis County COVID-19 Phase	Stage 5	Stage 4	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 1
Masks	Required for all people ages 2 and up in the building for any event open to the public including worship	Required for all people ages 2 and up in the building for any event open to the public including worship	Required for all people ages 2 during worship, but small groups that are fully vaccinated may decide to make them optional while in class	Required for all people ages 2 during worship, but small groups that are fully vaccinated may decide to make them optional while in class	Required for anyone not fully vaccinated age 2 and up, but optional for those fully vaccinated
Worship	Worship in person with masks and distancing at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM. If there is a direct COVID exposure at church, or the City of Austin uses the words "shelter in place", worship the following week will be livestreamed only.	Worship in person with masks and distancing at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM	Worship in person with masks and distancing at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM	Worship in person with masks and distancing at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM	Worship in person at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM
Music	Singers - quartets or quintets at most -upfront and in rehearsal are all vaccinated, socially distanced and masked	Singers - groups of 12 or less - upfront and in rehearsal are all vaccinated, socially distanced and masked. Soloists are not masked	Singers - numbers determined by music director - up front and in rehearsal are all vaccinated. Masks off for small ensembles while (8 or less) singing.	Singers - numbers determined by music director - up front and in rehearsal are all vaccinated. Masks off for small ensembles (8 or less) while singing.	Singers up front and in rehearsal are all vaccinated.
Vaccination	Vaccinated and unvaccinated welcomed to worship, and vaccination encouraged (but not required) for ushers/greeters, worship leaders, etc.	Vaccinated and unvaccinated welcomed to worship, and vaccination encouraged (but not required) for ushers/greeters, worship leaders, etc.	Vaccinated and unvaccinated welcomed to worship, and vaccination encouraged (but not required) for ushers/greeters, worship leaders, etc.	Vaccinated and unvaccinated welcomed to worship, and vaccination encouraged (but not required) for ushers/greeters, worship leaders, etc.	Vaccinated and unvaccinated welcomed to worship, and vaccination encouraged (but not required) for ushers/greeters, worship leaders, etc.
Communion	Receive individually portioned communion elements outdoors following worship	Receive individually portioned communion elements in the sanctuary during worship	Receive individually portioned communion elements in the sanctuary during worship	Receive individually portioned communion elements in the sanctuary during worship	Resume communion by intinction as we've done previously, with option for gluten free as well as individually portioned option
Offering	Offering plates located at the entrances to the sanctuary—offer your gifts on the way out of worship	Offering plates located at the entrances to the sanctuary—offer your gifts on the way out of worship	Offering plates located at the entrances to the sanctuary—offer your gifts on the way out of worship	Offering plates located at the entrances to the sanctuary—offer your gifts on the way out of worship	Resume passing the plates
Seating	Sanctuary seating in every 3rd pew to allow physical distancing between households, overflow seating in the Great Hall	Sanctuary seating in every other pew to allow physical distancing between households, overflow seating in the Great Hall	Sanctuary seating in every other pew to allow physical distancing between households, overflow seating in the Great Hall	Sanctuary seating in every other pew to allow physical distancing between households, overflow seating in the Great Hall	Full seating without restrictions
Food/ Drink	No food or drink will be offered indoors	No food or drink will be offered indoors	No food or drink will be offered indoors	No food or drink will be offered indoors	Food and drink may be offered indoors
Direct Contact Between Members	No suggested contact. Greeting after worship happens outside and at a distance.	Be careful not to make someone who desires physical distancing uncomfortable—ask permission before initiating contact	Be careful not to make someone who desires physical distancing uncomfortable—ask permission before initiating contact	Be careful not to make someone who desires physical distancing uncomfortable—ask permission before initiating contact	Be careful not to make someone who desires physical distancing uncomfortable—ask permission before initiating contact
Small Groups/ Children/ Youth	Children and youth will be outdoors in family units. Small groups of adults inside or outside will be masked. Small Groups are 10 or less.	Children and youth will be outdoors in small groups; ages 2 and up will be masked. Small groups of vaccinated adults can be unmasked, unvaccinated adults will be masked. Small Groups are 25 or less.	Children and youth will be indoors in small groups, ages 2 and up will be masked. Small groups of vaccinated adults can be unmasked, unvaccinated adults will be masked. Small Groups are not defined by a number.	Children and youth will be indoors in small groups, ages 2 and up will be masked. Small groups of vaccinated adults can be unmasked, unvaccinated adults will be masked. Small Groups are not defined by a number.	Resume pre-COVID gatherings