



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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Guidelines for activities conducted at ECA during COVID-19 Pandemic

1. These guidelines follow CDC, Public Health Dept, and Diocese of Atlanta phase-1 regathering policies.
2. No **Group** (more than two non-related individuals) in-person activity is to take place at ECA without the rector's knowledge during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines have been set forth and must be followed until loosening of restrictions is given by directive from the bishop of the diocese of Atlanta.
3. No one who is feeling sick or has any symptoms related to COVID-19 is allowed on the property. If you are feeling sick in any manner, please do not put others at risk, stay at home. Taking your temperature and documenting the information is encouraged for groups of more than two.
4. For groups, log everyone involved: every one of the people assisting with or attending church activities should be signed in to ensure should someone become infected, exposure can be tracked and quarantined. Everyone involved should maintain effective physical distancing and ongoing self-monitoring around their health at all times.
5. Physical distancing of 6ft must be adhered to for groups of more than two (Unless individuals are living together and related)
6. Wearing a mask is encouraged by the CDC, GA Dept of Public health and is directed by the Diocese of Atlanta to do so. Wearing of a mask at this time is mandatory for ALL group and worship activities conducted at ECA on the inside and outside (if physical distance cannot be maintained) Contact Fr. Paul or Wanda Ziembinski (Sr. Warden) for COVID-19 positive diagnosis. All parties who may have been exposed will be contacted and asked to be tested. Self-quarantine procedures are requested until a negative test result or 14 day timeline is achieved. (If you are unwilling to follow these precautions, please do not attend inside or outside in-person worship services)
7. All Vestry members and any parishioner helping with services will attend required Zoom meetings for training purposes, if you are unable to attend, you will not be able to assist with services until you have done so. The training will be conducted by Fr. Paul+ and info will be sent to attend the training.
8. Washing hands and hand sanitizer is encouraged at all times.
9. If any participant gets sick or has any symptoms related to COVID-19 at any period after participating in an activity at ECA they must notify the rector and must also get tested for COVID-19. All participants who may have had contact with the individual will also be contacted to enact self-quarantine protocols until a negative test result is given or 14 days has passed since contact.
10. Individuals who wish to participate in activities inside or outside on the property of ECA must agree to follow the guidelines set forth in order to participate. Guidelines are for the safety of all those involved and are created in an effort to mitigate possibilities for contamination from the COVID-19 virus.
11. Spoke with Jessica at the Church Insurance Company of Vermont in reference to Policy #VP0003675 and at this time, nothing needs to be added and follow all guidelines and no negligence

Best Practices for Religious Services

This list does not cover every scenario. Places of worship and religious institutions need to tailor their guidance to reflect their specific needs and resources.

- Online remains the best option to mitigate potential exposure to coronavirus, ECA will adopt email and online registration for the 20 inside in-person worship service and 50 person maximum outside in-person service numbers.
- Do not attend religious services if you are not feeling well, have a fever, or have had direct contact with someone who likely has or is confirmed to have COVID-19. Follow guidelines we have set forth
- Throughout the service, maintain at least six feet between the person in front of you, behind you, and each side of you.
- Family members and cohabitating individuals are allowed to sit together.
- Please wear a face mask or cloth covering to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. This is NOT an option. Even if you are outside, wearing a mask is believed to be the safest option for all.
- When members arrive, they should immediately be seated, and once a service ends, rows should be emptied sequentially with everyone immediately going to their vehicles.
- Refrain from using items touched by multiple people unless you can sanitize after each use. Offering plates will be at the back of the worship space for offerings
- No nursery will be available at this time
- Medically fragile and elderly Georgians should continue to shelter in place and utilize remote services instead of in-person services.
- Choir is canceled normally during the summer, there is no choir until it is deemed safe to do so

The Vestry of ECA in collaboration with Fr. Paul have adopted these guidelines and policies in order to put in place the best and most safe practices to minimize and mitigate the possibilities of contamination or outbreak of COVID-19 during ECA gatherings and worship in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Diocese of Atlanta for phase 1 reopening procedures. These temporary procedures are in affect until further direction is given by the Diocese of Atlanta and can be changed at any time by the Vestry or the Diocese of Atlanta due to further restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Christ, Fr. Paul+

ECA Vestry

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