

COVID-19 Task Force Updates: August 17, 2021

Although cases are rising, we plan to continue gathering and welcoming groups back into our facilities after Labor Day. Therefore, it seems apropos to inform you how we plan to operate in case you are diagnosed with COVID-19 after having gathered with others in our facilities.

First, the good news is that if you are vaccinated, your symptoms will be milder, and the chances of you being hospitalized or in a critical care situation are minimized. Therefore, we strongly encourage everyone to be vaccinated. Your entire church staff has been vaccinated for several months and is looking forward to the upcoming boosters when they are made available. This is one more way in which we can love one another and love our neighbors.

Face coverings are REQUIRED on campus at all times!

On August 16, 2021, the COVID-19 Task Force met to discuss the rise in cases due to the Delta variant and how we should actively respond as a congregation.

At the meeting, members of the team agreed to make face coverings REQUIRED in all areas of the building and in all meetings and gatherings in the Sanctuary, regardless of vaccination status. For all meetings and services, social distancing is encouraged.

Also, it is VERY important that all persons check-in to register their attendance when arriving on campus for worship and all meetings. This tool will help us greatly in the task of notifying others of possible exposure to COVID-19 occurs at St. John's.

You may check-in before or after worship and classes on Sundays. Check-in for the Sunday school hour will be available for all groups this Sunday at the Main Entrance lobby for classes meeting on the lower level and on the upper level outside the elevator. Families with nursery and preschool-age children will need to check-in their children outside the nursery on the main level to receive a name badge.

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19:

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have attended a meeting, class, or worship at St. John's in person, please contact Jacquelyn McAbee at 434-579-1177. All information will be kept private and only disclosed to Jacquelyn and relevant ministry staff.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we show love and care for one another, especially our children and immunocompromised, by wearing our face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.