

St. Bede's Updated Mask Policy and Worship Protocols

(updated March 27, 2022)

Please be familiar with the following updates to our existing pandemic safety protocols and guidelines to ensure the best experience for the times that we gather for worship:

- For your safety and the safety of those around you, **we strongly suggest that those attending in-person worship be fully vaccinated and boosted.**
- **Effective Sunday, March 27 – Masking will become a matter of personal choice *for all who are up-to-date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations*** (this means that folks are vaccinated and boosted as is age and life-circumstance appropriate). **Masking will continue to be required for the unvaccinated or those who are not up-to-date with the recommended vaccination schedule from the CDC.** We will not be checking vaccination status – we expect each person to be responsible to these guidelines. It is always appropriate to wear a mask out of your own personal need or preference – just as with any medical device such as a brace or a bandage. Some may choose to continue wearing masks for their own sake and some may continue to wear a mask for the benefit of others. Our goal will be to honor folks' personal choice in this matter out of love for all in our community. If needed, surgical masks will be available from the greeters.
- We will **continue the practice of good ventilation** at St. Bede's. This means we will continue to leave open the exterior doors in the Commons and in the Nave, to encourage the flow of clean, fresh air. This will be done regardless of the outside temperature. This could mean that the interior of the church building could be cold. On cold days, please bundle up!
- Fellowship before and after worship is **best conducted outside.**
- Try to allow for at least **two seats between** you and others not in your family.
- If you are sick or in any way concerned for your health and safety, we encourage you to worship from home. **Please remember that will be streaming worship live on the [St. Bede's YouTube Channel](#) every Sunday.**
- If you have been sick, please keep up to date with the latest recommendations about isolation and quarantining guidance from the CDC. If you develop symptoms of COVID or test positive after attending worship, please let us know. We will keep your identity anonymous. Thank you.

We are thankful for your understanding, and we look forward to the day when we can gather again without the concerns and inconveniences of the pandemic.