



The Cathedral Parish of Saint Andrew

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Re: Updated COVID Guidelines

Dear Parishioner,

After careful consideration, we are updating our COVID protocols. By now, most of you have seen Bishop Seage's [new policies regarding COVID-19](#) that were released Friday, May 14 in response to new [recommendations from the CDC](#). Having considered both and discussed it with our medical personnel and the Vestry, we implement the following:

- Mask are no longer required for fully vaccinated persons. We encourage those who are experiencing illness, or who are not fully vaccinated, to continue wearing masks. We will not check cards or set special seating for non-vaccinated persons. We are counting on your honor to follow our values of hospitality and compassion to honor those among us who are vulnerable including children and those whose medical health prevents them from being vaccinated at this time.
- We are no longer requiring reservations for any service except Tuesday evening Gathering on the Green. It is helpful to know how many we are expecting and have a contact in case we need to cancel due to weather.
- Congregational singing will be allowed. Choirs who are fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask. If a choir member or congregant is not vaccinated, they must remain masked.
- Offering plates may be passed by the ushers and brought to the altar during the offertory.
- Indoor receptions and meetings and small groups may resume. Please give attention to distance and hand washing protocols.
- Communion will continue in one kind in standing stations for now. Priests may mask for distribution.

There are a variety of reasons why people choose not to be vaccinated. While we strongly encourage vaccination for those who can, we respect those who are not. We respect those who choose to remain masked for any reason.

All are welcome in our Cathedral and it is our responsibility to show hospitality to those who worship with us.

God bless,

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The Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell, Dean