



Updated COVID Guidelines for  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brighton, MI  
March 16, 2022

On March 1, 2022 the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan lifted its temporary COVID restrictions returning us to Phase 3 of the Great Lakes Episcopalian Plan for Re-Entry. See Diocesan Guidelines [here](#). Around the same time, the CDC updated their masking recommendations based on the risk factors or [COVID-19 Community Level](#) where one lives.

In light of this information, the Vestry has prayerfully discerned to update our Parish Guidelines and to focus our attention on making ventilation adjustments to our environment. We have added smoke molecule sensitive filters to the circulation vents by the altar and purchased a HEPA Filter Unit with another one on the way.

There will be a brief parish meeting following both services this Sunday March 20, to go over the guidelines and answer any questions.

## Guidelines

Required:

- ❖ Masks continue to be required when working with children or with anyone at high risk of infection
- ❖ Masks are required when the *Community at Risk Level* is Medium or High by the [CDC metrics](#)
- ❖ Clergy are required to wear a mask when celebrating and distributing the Eucharist

- ❖ Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors are required to wear masks when distributing the Eucharist

Recommended:

- ❖ When eligible, get vaccinated and boosted
- ❖ Masks are strongly recommended if you are unvaccinated
- ❖ Take our masking cues from the most vulnerable around us and have masks available to wear for interacting with someone who is masking for their own wellbeing or for the wellbeing of someone they love or for whom they provide care.
- ❖ Self identify your personal contact comfort level using the color coded ribbons
- ❖ Participate in on-line worship when feeling unwell
- ❖ Rapid tests will be available to clergy and liturgical leaders if desired
- ❖ Follow the [CDC guidelines](#) for testing, isolating, and quarantining
- ❖ Contact Rev'd Jeanne if you have tested positive for COVID and were in church before you knew. **This information will remain confidential;** sources will not be identified but we are morally obligated to let others know if there was a chance of exposure

Permitted:

- ❖ Masks are optional indoors (and outdoors) when the above named metrics indicate low risk in our county (any changes in risk status will be posted at the doors)
- ❖ Congregational and choral singing
- ❖ In person meetings/gatherings
- ❖ Coffee hour and receptions

In covenant with one another by the promises made at our baptism, we will, with God's help, remain steadfast in safeguarding the wellbeing of the community. Your demonstration of love for your neighbor during this pandemic is greatly appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. Thank you. Be well.