

all angels' church

Dear Church,

Here are our current COVID protocols:

- Masking: Masking with a high-quality face mask (KN95, N95, KF94, or similar) is still required in the sanctuary and common areas of the building, and masks will be available at the door for all.

Masking will be mostly required for children in the gym (with exceptions), and will not be required in Palmer Hall after the service. (Coffee hour after the 10:00 service will continue outside, though people can return to Palmer Hall with their coffee if they choose. Dinner after the 5:00 service will be served in Palmer Hall, though people can take food with them in to-go boxes if they choose.)

- Vaccination: Though staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated and boosted, there will be no vaccination requirement for congregants. We encourage all congregants to ensure they are fully vaccinated and also boosted, since the coronavirus vaccines are extremely effective at reducing COVID-19 cases and at reducing poor outcomes from COVID-19.
- Symptoms: Those with any flu-like or cold-like symptoms are asked to refrain from in-person participation.
- Returning after having COVID: Those who have had COVID should wait to return to church until after they have had a negative rapid test.
- Indoor air: Windows will be open to allow for better airflow in the sanctuary. The upgraded MERV filters and additional air purifiers will also be in use.
- Eucharist: The Common Cup of communion wine will be offered for those who would like to partake of communion in both kinds. The bread will still be offered near the altar, and the Common Cup of wine will be offered on the sides of the sanctuary for those who wish to drink from it. (Note: intinction—dipping the host into the chalice—will not be allowed, per the bishop's orientation.)

We will continue to monitor city-specific trends and will adjust protocols if necessary, with the intention of creating a space that is hospitable and reasonably safe for our whole church community.

Please evaluate your own risk. Though COVID-19 can cause severe illness in any of us, serious outcomes from the virus are more likely as we age and for those of us with underlying medical conditions.

Thank you for your understanding and participation. We hope you are staying safe and that we might see you soon, as you're able! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

In Christ,

John