

## **St. Augustine Of Canterbury Reopening Plan**

The anticipated reopening date will be July 11, 2021

### **Masking and Social Distancing**

- Masks will be required for all unvaccinated individuals at indoor worship
- Masks will be available in case individuals require one
- Vaccinated individuals have the option to wear or not wear masks at indoor worship
- Masks will not be required for individuals who have been vaccinated at outdoor worship
- Six feet of social distance between household groups will be maintained at indoor and outdoor worship
- Greeting and passing the peace will limit physical contact. Fist bumps or elbow to elbow contact would be allowed but not encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and encouraged to be used before and after worship.
- A collection plate will be situated near the doors to the worship space to allow congregants to deposit their offering before or after worship.
- We will be establishing a roster style attendance check to have a record of who was in attendance during a service. We will ask for the names and contact information for visitors and this will be added to each week's roster.

### **Worship Recommendations**

- Outdoor parking lot worship will continue until we reopen in July. It is our plan to offer outdoor worship when appropriate.
- Capacity guidelines set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be observed.

### **Online Worship**

- We will be looking into developing an online worship experience.

### **Ventilation Options**

- We will be opening windows during indoor worship when appropriate.

### **Communion Recommendations**

- The presider will be the only one to handle the host and wine during the preparation for the Celebration of Eucharist
- Wine will be not offered to the congregants and only be consumed by the presider.
- Hosts will be used.
- Hand sanitizing will be performed repeatedly during worship, preparation of the Eucharist, before administration of the sacrament and after the administration of the sacrament by the presider.
- The presider will bring the consecrated hosts out in front of the altar and communicate the congregants as they come forward and stand before the presider.
- Once congregants receive the host they will return to their seat.

- A unidirectional movement for the congregants to approach the altar and return to their seat will be developed and explained to the congregants prior to the administration of the sacrament.
- The mask protocols will be followed by congregants during the administration of the sacrament.

### **Baptisms**

- Baptisms will happen according to the Book of Common Prayer rubric.
- Masks will be worn according to the masking policy. Unvaccinated individuals including children will wear masks during the service.
- Baptisms will be held outside when appropriate.

### **Music Recommendations**

- Instrumental music will be provided when available.
- No singing will be allowed at this time.
- Singing will be allowed when deemed safe.
- Instruments permitted will be piano, organ, and string instruments.
- Wind instruments will not be permitted at this time.

### **Wedding and Funeral Recommendations**

- Weddings and funerals will follow the congregational masking and social distance policy.

### **Feeding Ministry and Children and Youth Program Requirements**

- Our congregation currently do not have either of these programs.

### **Community Programs**

- The congregational guidelines will be communicated to community groups using the building.
- Community groups will be asked to properly clean and disinfect any surfaces they touch during the use of the building including but not limited surfaces in the restrooms, fellowship area and kitchen.

### **Cleaning**

- Weekly cleaning of the restrooms will take place.
- Disinfecting wipes will be placed in the restrooms with signage requesting individuals using the restroom to please wipe down all surfaces they touch.
- The kitchen surfaces will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes following use.

### **Coffee Hour**

- Coffee hour will be suspended until further notice.

## **General Statements**

- It is the intent of the congregation to return to worship slowly and cautiously.
- Given most of the congregants are vaccinated we are making mask wearing for vaccinated individuals optional, but masks will be available if we have unvaccinated individuals attend worship and anyone who feels like they need a mask.
- We will limit the time individuals will be indoors to worship.
- Any after worship fellowship will be held outside. If people wish to gather, we are encouraging them to do so outside and properly masked if not vaccinated with proper social distancing. Masks will not be required for vaccinated individuals.
- We will be investigating online worship experiences. We currently have very limited technology.
- We will continue outdoor services on a regular basis.

This reopening plan is submitted June 12, 2021

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