

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH RE-GATHERING TASK FORCE
ABBREVIATED RECOMMENDATIONS DURING COVID-19**

Adopted by the Vestry on September 15, 2020

Before you come:

- We encourage those in high-risk groups, including those over the age of 65, to continue to stay safe and stay home and join us for our virtual online service via YouTube.
- We encourage those in high-risk groups who chose to attend CEC's in-person worship to first consult with your primary health care provider regarding your risk factors and how to stay safe.
- Please stay home if you feel ill, or are experiencing flu-like symptoms or those associated with COVID, including sudden loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, fever, muscle aches, diarrhea, or persistent cough, or if you know or suspect you been exposed to COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19. Be sure to notify the church office if you are ill at home or are hospitalized.
- In order to aid with contact tracing should a case of COVID-19 occur at CEC, we will be tracking attendance each week. Online registration will be available each week via a link in the e-News. For those unable to register online, a paper sign-in sheet will be available when you enter the church.
- The church will be fully cleaned and sanitized each week.

When you arrive:

- There will be one Sunday service at 9 a.m. until further notice. Indoor service seating will be limited to 100 persons; outdoor services will be limited by socially distancing space.
- Communion will not be served at any service until at least Phase 4. Services will be Ante Communion, Morning Prayer, or Spiritual Communion.
- Masks are required for all attendees and must be worn so as to cover the nose and mouth at all times while on CEC property, including the parking lot. Those who cannot wear masks for certified medical reasons will be seated in a separate area of the church with greater social distancing observed.
- Social distancing of at least 6-feet should be observed at all times, including when entering and exiting the church.
- Parking is restricted to the south lot, near the main church entrance, and all attendees will enter through the main door of the church, either via the stairs or the accessible ramp. All other doors, including those leading into the parish

hall, will remain locked and closed. No entry into the sanctuary will be allowed from the stairwells.

- For those who did not register for service online, please sign in on the paper form provided.
- A collection plate will be placed at the entrance to the church for pledge envelopes and other offerings. No offering will be taken during the service.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the church and should be used before you are seated.
- An usher will lead you and your group to the next available pew based on CEC's Re-Gathering seating plan. Please do not seat yourself, as our seating plan has been designed for optimal social distancing.
- Please remain in your seat for the entire service, including the Peace. In the event of an emergency, instructions will be given to safely evacuate the building.
- Please use the restroom before attending church. However, should you need to use the restroom during service, please exit your pew via the nearest aisle and make your way to the back of the church. An usher will guide you to the nearest restroom and assist you in returning to your seat.
- Antiviral/antibacterial wipes will be provided in each restroom. Please wipe down all surfaces following the instructions provided in the restroom. Ushers can assist you if needed.
- At the end of the service remain seated until the usher directs you to exit your pew. Please do not exit your pew until instructed by an usher to do so.
- Any after-service socializing should take place outside, observing all social distancing guidelines with masks in place. There will be no Coffee Hour and no food allowed.
- Anyone who does not comply with these guidelines, including any spoken guidance given by an usher at the service will be asked to leave the service immediately.