

St. Paul Lutheran Church Updated Covid-19 Precautions
Effective June 20, 2021

On May 13, 2021, the CDC revised their mask usage and social distancing recommendations for fully vaccinated individuals without underlying health conditions. In light of this change, St. Paul will no longer require masks for fully vaccinated people. St. Paul also continues to follow the CDC recommendation that unvaccinated individuals still wear masks and social distance. We still encourage frequent hand washing.

So what does that look like at St. Paul?

Every event at St. Paul is open to all people no matter their vaccination status.

All signage on the church campus will change from Masks Required to Masks Recommended

- It is still okay to wear your mask. No questions will be asked of people why they are wearing masks. We continue to have vulnerable individuals who will choose to continue to wear a mask.
- Please be considerate of people wearing masks as they may not want to be touched (shaking hands/pat on the shoulder, hug, etc.) or be in close proximity to others.
- Ministry and event leaders have the authority to decide masking and social distancing expectations for their ministry/events. Please inform ministry volunteers and the pastor of the expectations.

Worship

- Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals.
- It is suggested that those who are not vaccinated still wear a mask, but worship attenders will not be asked about their vaccination status. And even those we know who are not vaccinated will not be asked to wear a mask if they come into worship without one.
- It is highly recommended that those who are not vaccinated and not wearing a mask during worship, wear a mask at least during singing or not sing as we know that singing is a risky activity.
- Plexiglass will only be used when a speaker/singer is unvaccinated or if a speaker/singer requests it.
- Worship assistants' vaccination status needs to be known to the Pastor.
- Choir members' vaccination status needs to be known to the Music Director and Pastor.
- Assisting Minister must be vaccinated as they will speak from the altar unmasked with close proximity to the pastor.
- Scripture Readers may be unvaccinated without a mask and speak behind the plexiglass.
- Choir members that are unvaccinated need to wear a mask while singing in the choir.
- The social distancing in pews will be removed except for the chapel area and the back eight pews on the lectern side.
- Holy Communion will remain as it has been with individual kits picked up before service from the Altar Table.
- Bulletins will be available to be picked up before service from the Altar Table.
- The offering plates will remain at the exits.
- The sharing of the Peace will remain without touch and without moving around the sanctuary.
- The pastor will greet people after worship outside but will continue to refrain from handshakes and hugs.
- Hymnals/Bibles/Prayground will remain stored for the time being.
- Fellowship time after worship will be reinstated with servers (beginning June 27).