

## COVID 19 Update Effective July 1

Dear Diocesan Family,

As anticipated tomorrow the Province will move into Step 1 of the “Together Again” Reopening Plan. The following guidelines will come into effective July 1, 2021.

- **Increased Numbers for Indoor Gatherings**

- Under Step 1, indoor public gatherings will expand to 200 people in so far as physical distancing can be maintained between households (households being defined as the members of a residence plus 20 close consistent contacts). The number of “bubbles” we have allotted within our individual church buildings, as per the Many Members document, does not change, yet the number of people we can accommodate overall does increase.

- **Change to Pre-registration & Pre-screening**

- As well, the requirement for people to pre-register and pre-screen to attend services, and the restriction on drop in attendees, will be lifted.
- Parishes are not required to pre-register or pre-screen people who wish to attend services, yet will still be required to compile and retain a contact tracing list of those attending any gathering within our church buildings.
- Pre-registering and pre-screening can still be done by those parishes who choose to do so.
- The following protocols will need to be adhered to by those Parishes wishing to discontinue pre-registering and pre-screening:
  - Clearly visible at the entrance to the building by all those who would be entering should be placed signs stating that those who are, or should be, self-isolating, due to travel or possible exposure to COVID-19, are not permitted to enter the building.
  - Those entering will be met by the Greeter(s) who will take down the names and phone numbers of those entering. The Greeter(s) will continue to ask people to sanitize their hands and provide them with a non-medical mask. The Greeter(s) will continue to point out, and ask people to make themselves

aware of, the signage throughout the building, as well as offering to answer any questions people may have at this time (see page 13 of Many Members).

- It is paramount that “bottlenecking” of people entering the church building be avoided. Having multiple Greeters will help alleviate this possibility.
  - If a lineup of people waiting to be welcomed by the Greeter(s) results, the Facilitator should ensure that everyone waiting to be admitted are physically distanced from each other.

Other than the increase in overall numbers permitted to gather (in so far as physical distancing can be maintained) and the lifting of the pre-registration and pre-screening requirement, all other restrictions, guidance, and protocols remain in effect. Mask wearing, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and cleaning protocols are still required to lessen the spread of the virus.

Should there be any questions, or further clarification needed, please feel free to contact Reverend Christopher Fowler at 699-2481 or by email at [reverendchristopher@icloud.com](mailto:reverendchristopher@icloud.com).