

Guidelines for In-Person Worship at All Saints' Church

September 2020*

I. Guidance on Who Should Attend

The best way for our congregation to keep each other healthy is to not attend in-person worship if:

- You have had a new onset of symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks. Common symptoms include:
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Cough
 - Chills
 - Trouble breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Exhaustion
 - Headaches
 - Diarrhea
- You were exposed to someone with the above symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test in the last 14 days
- You have travelled out of the state in the last 14 days (see [COVID-19 Travel Advisory](#))

We encourage members who plan to attend services in person regularly also to be tested regularly for COVID-19. To find a testing site, visit <https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>.

II. Registration for Contact Tracing

When you arrive, there will be stations inside the church where you will be asked to provide your contact information. All attendees must provide contact information to be allowed into the building.

III. Demarcating Physical Distance

The pews will be taped off so that worshippers will be seated six feet apart.

The maximum number of people allowed in the church is 25% of the church's seating capacity. We are currently capping attendance at 50, which is half this number, or under 1/8 of the church's seating capacity.

IV. Masks

Proper and complete mask use will be a requirement to attend worship and will be monitored and enforced by an usher. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times with no exceptions.

Surgical masks will be available at the entrance to the church.

V. Physical Distancing

Clergy and ushers will encourage worshippers who do not arrive together as a household to maintain six feet of physical distance, referring to posted signs, as needed.

All attendees must exit the building immediately at the conclusion of the service. Weather permitting, socially-distanced outdoor fellowship will be available in the garden following the service.

VI. Singing

Sadly, there will be no congregational singing at worship until further notice.

VII. Hand Sanitizer

There is a hand sanitizer dispenser at the church entrance.

VIII. Cleaning

The church is cleaned after each worship service and before the church is used for anything else. We follow the guidelines laid forth in the CDC's "[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)".

A sanitary log of cleaning is kept.

All porous items, including cushions, prayer books, and hymnals, have been removed from available pews.

IX. Ventilation

The doors of the church and all windows will be kept ajar for the duration of all services, regardless of weather. There will be no artificial ventilation, including fans.

IX. Ushers

You will be greeted by ushers, who will facilitate registration, direct the flow of worshippers to their seats, and ensure that attendees adhere to all guidelines. Please be courteous and follow the ushers' instructions.