

ST. RAPHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

*These guidelines are in place to protect you and the community.
We appreciate your full cooperation and participation.*

Prior to the Service:

- Before leaving home, we advise that everyone in your household take their temperature. If it is 100.4 or above, please stay home. Your temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer prior to your being seated.
- If you know that you have been exposed or think you have been exposed to someone with the virus in the last 14 days, please remain at home.

Possible COVID symptoms include fever, persistent cough, respiratory difficulty, muscle aches, loss of smell/taste, stomach pain and diarrhea.

Entering the Sanctuary:

- Upon arrival, go to the front entrance (facing Williams Dr.) of the Sanctuary Building. This is the **ONLY** open entrance point to the Sanctuary, where the flagpole and bell are located. In an emergency, however, all doors are accessible for exit.
- A list of attendees will be maintained in case the local health department needs to conduct contact tracing.
- Masks will be required along with social distancing. Ushers/greeters will be wearing masks and they will provide masks for those who do not bring their own.
- Persons who cannot wear a mask due to health concerns are requested to contact the Celebrant so that alternative arrangements can be considered.
- There will be 2 touchless hand sanitizers for your convenience located near the entrance.
- Name Tags – We request that you wear your name tag. Please remove and replace only your own from the kiosks.

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- We encourage you to bring bottled water. We will have some water on hand for emergencies.
- An usher will escort you to a seat(s). Family members will be seated together using the 6ft. social distancing rule. The sanctuary will be filled front to back.

During the Service:

- No bulletins will be printed. All service information will be projected on the screen in the sanctuary. Bulletins are available through the link on our website should you choose to print one and bring it to worship. Additionally, you can pull up the bulletin on your phone. No hymnals or bibles are to be used as well.
- No hymns will be sung by the congregation and music may be provided by utilizing recorded music.
- Plates will be on the stool near the doors as our ushers will not be passing them during worship. You may place your financial gifts in them as you exit the sanctuary. We encourage members to use checks. You may also try our online giving program through our website at www.straphaelschurch.org.
- Ushers/Greeters will disinfect door handles/surfaces after each use.

Exiting the Sanctuary

- At the close of the service, the congregation will be dismissed from back to front maintaining social distancing precautions.

There will be no social hour or refreshments following worship.