

REOPENING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MANDATES

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CDC–Federal Center for Disease Control
VDH–Virginia Department of Health

RN–Governor’s Guidelines
DSV–Diocese

MAN–Mandated

REC–Recommended

Access to Sanctuary/ Resume Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one with symptoms or known exposure to Covid 19 in previous fortnight is permitted entry Signage must be posted stating this restriction Signage with public health reminders to be posted 	MAN–RN MAN–DSV
Access to Sanctuary/ Resume Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use separate entry-exit doors Install touchless entry systems Maintain distancing during dismissal 	REC–RN REC–DSV
Access to Sanctuary/ Resume Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish guidelines approved by rector, vestry (unanimous vote encouraged) & bishop Virtual worship to continue after regathering 2-week decline in cases statewide No in-person singing (neither choir nor congregation) 	MAN–DSV
Child Care	<p>Focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sanitize surfaces; hand hygiene; keep feverish/sick children at home; set up isolation area if someone becomes sick; same group and caregiver every day for each classroom. Naptime mats 6 feet apart. Stagger drop-off & pick-up times. screen children upon arrival if possible– sanitizing thermometer between each use. 	REC--CDC
Child Care	Nurseries to remain closed after regathering	MAN–DSV

Cleaning/Disinfecting	Between services.	REC--CDC MAN--RN MAN--DSV
Collection	Modify means: possibly stationary box rather than passing plate	REC--CDC MAN--DSV
Communication	Educate congregation about mandates & protocols	MAN--DSV
Distancing	Provide guides (tape on floors; signs; one-way signs)	REC--CDC
Distancing	6 feet for all events (inside and outside); family members may sit together	REC--CDC MAN--RN MAN--DSV
Facemasks	Use (for well people and those over 2 yrs old and those reading/preaching/receiving communion) inside and outside services	REC--CDC MAN--RN MAN--DSV
Food	Consider pre-packaged and avoid buffet or family-style	REC--CDC
Food	No in-person coffee hours after regathering	MAN--DSV
Food	All items used to distribute food must be disposable and used only once	MAN--RN
Holy Communion	May be distributed with these guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priest approves distribution • Use of individual sealed containers holding host & wine, which are collected and removed to Sacristy for ablution. • May opt to distribute under one kind, distributed only by priest who observes stringent precautions • Communicants approach altar one at a time, maintaining 6' distance. 	MAN--DSV
Occupancy	Occupancy limited to 50% of lowest number on certificate of occupancy	MAN--RN MAN--VDH
Occupancy	Track number of in-person or virtual attendees	MAN--DSV
Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer than 10 present • 6' social distancing • Thorough sanitizing 	MAN--DSV

Physical contact	Limit/prohibit hand-shaking, hugs, kissing	REC--CDC MAN--DSV
Sanitizer and/or hand washing stations	make available at entrances/exits	REC--CDC REC--RN MAN--DSV
Services & meetings	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-line and drive-in options • Sign-up services to limit attendance • Hold multiple services w/ lower attendance • Suspend choir • Adult-only services • Shorter services to obviate need for restroom visits • Suspend youth services • Separate services for seniors & at-risk 	REC--RN REC--VDH
Services & meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings, Bible study, children's programming, coffee hours, pastoral care conducted virtually • Funerals, weddings, ordinations & baptisms postponed or conducted with 10 or fewer present and 6' distancing • Pilgrimages, trips cancelled/postponed • Consider outside services to reduce risk 	MAN--DSV
Sick at work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish procedure for transporting home or to health facility • Close off areas used by sick person until fully sanitized (waiting 7 hours before sanitizing so all droplets settled). • If tested positive: notify local health officials--pay attention to ADA & HIPPA restrictions. 	REC--CDC
Ventilation	Maximize ventilation; open windows; go outdoors	REC--CDC
Worship Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage congregants to bring own items; • project texts electronically • consider self-application of oils/ashes etc 	REC--CDC REC--RN REC--DSV
Worship Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No items to be passed between non-family members 	MAN--RN
Worship Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove all BCP, Hymnals, Bibles, cushions, kneelers • Discontinue use of baptismal font 	MAN--DSV

