

New Guidelines — June 6, 2021

The ECHS Vestry has approved the following guidelines for Church of the Holy Spirit beginning Sunday, June 6, 2021. These guidelines are in accordance with the diocesan COVID-19 guidelines (dated 5-23-21) and have been recommended to the Vestry by the ECHS Re-gathering Committee:

1. Beginning on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 10:30, ECHS will offer one in-person worship service on Sundays at 10:30 p.m. The worship service will continue to be virtually streamed live each Sunday and Martie will email a link to this live stream prior to Sunday morning.
2. No reservations will be required for attendance at this service.
3. 100 % occupancy capacity allowed inside the sanctuary and building.
4. Mask use is required for all worship services regardless of vaccination status. Clergy when preaching/laity when reading/ musicians when singing may remove their mask if there is no person within 10 feet of the preacher/reader/musician.
5. An aisle of chairs will be designated on the right hand side of the sanctuary for persons who would like to practice social distancing. Ushers will provide pieces of gold cloth that may be draped across the back of chairs to mark chairs as not available. Also, there will be an outdoor seating area provided under a small tent outside the sanctuary double doors for those who would like to sit outside and keep social distancing.
6. Congregational singing will be allowed inside while wearing masks.
7. Windows and doors will remain open throughout Sunday services to optimize ventilation. Please dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
8. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each Sunday. The priest will administer the bread from a paten using tongs. Wine will be offered in small paper cups. Masks may be pulled down temporarily to consume the bread and wine before returning to seats.
9. Until further notice, the Peace will be shared by bowing to one another rather than by shaking hands and hugging. Please be sensitive to the social cues given by those sitting around you.
10. People are encouraged to exit the building as soon as possible following Sunday morning worship services. All are encouraged to congregate/socialize outside the building rather than inside the building.
11. Unvaccinated people are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible to help decrease the probability of COVID-19 infection for oneself and others.
12. These new guidelines will stay in effect as long as community transmission and hospitalizations are at low indices. Should there be a surge, ECHS may re-implement safety restrictions.