

December, 2021

An Update from the Covid-19 Taskforce

Dear Friends,

Cases of Covid-19 have risen substantially from September through December 2021. We are in a better position in 2021 due to the vaccines. I think we can continue in person services if we follow protocols that will keep us safe. We hope that our churches will follow all of these protocols.

- If any member of a family is ill, experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, or who has been potentially exposed to Covid-19, the family should not attend church.
- Everyone should wear a mask, covering their mouth and nose, in the church and parish house regardless of vaccination status.
- Unless you have good ventilation in church, please keep the services short.
- Do not do indoor coffee hours, buffets, dinners, or receptions.
- Do not use the common cup.
- Do not pass the plate, except if an offering basket with handles is used.
- Socially distance except for families and pods.
- At the peace, please understand many people are not comfortable to shake hands. It is better to bow, wave, or give an elbow bump.
- Congregational singing is allowed while wearing masks.
- Sign-in is required for contact tracing.

The bishop encourages clergy to be tested weekly.

Faithfully

Ron
The Rev. Ronald B. Young
Chair