

## Phased Safety Guide For Saint John's - Updated January 10, 2023

Travis County COVID-19 Phase:	High	Medium	Low
Masks	Required for all people ages 2 and up in the building at all times including worship.	Recommended for all people ages 2 and up in the building and during worship.	Masks are optional at all services and gatherings.
Direct Contact Between Members	No suggested physical contact. Greeting after worship happens outside and at a distance. Colored dots to indicate contact preferences will not be provided. "We are all red dots."	Be careful not to make someone who desires physical distancing uncomfortable—ask permission before initiating contact. People may use provided colored dots on their nametag to indicate contact preferences.	Colored dots are available to be placed on nametags to indicate physical contact comfort levels.
Worship	Worship in person with masks recommended and distancing at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM. If there is a COVID-19 outbreak at church, or the City of Austin uses the words “shelter in place”, worship the following week will be livestreamed only.	Worship in person with masks recommended and distancing at 9 and 11 AM, online livestreamed at 11 AM.	Worship in person at 9 and 11 AM, online live-streamed at 11 AM.
Seating	Sanctuary seating in every 3rd pew to allow physical distancing between households, overflow seating in the Great Hall as needed.	Sanctuary seating in every other pew to allow physical distancing between households. Open seating on one side. Overflow seating in the Great Hall as needed.	Open seating without restrictions.
Music	Singers - quartets or quintets at most -upfront and in rehearsal are socially distanced and masked.	Singers - numbers determined by music director. Masks off for small ensembles while (8 or less) singing.	Number of singers is unlimited.
Communion	Receive individually portioned communion elements outdoors following worship.	Receive individually portioned communion elements in the sanctuary during worship.	Communion with individually portioned elements including gluten-free.
Offering	Offering box located at the entrance to the sanctuary—offer your gifts on the way into or out of worship.	Offering box located at the entrance to the sanctuary—offer your gifts on the way into or out of worship.	Offering plates will be passed.
Small Groups	Small Groups are 10 or less.	Small Groups are not defined by a number.	Groups are not limited in size.
Children and Youth	Children and youth will be outdoors in small groups; ages 2 and up will be masked.	Children and youth will be indoors in small groups, ages 2 and up will be masked.	Children and youth will be indoors in small groups, masks optional.
Childcare and Nursery	No childcare or nursery will be offered.	Childcare and nursery services available. Nursery care workers will be recommended to wear a mask	Childcare and nursery services available.
Food/ Drink	No food or drink will be offered indoors.	Food and drink may be offered in approved locations.	Food and drink may be offered in approved locations.
Vaccination	Full vaccination including boosters, is encouraged (but not required).	Full vaccination including boosters, is encouraged (but not required).	Full vaccination including boosters, is encouraged (but not required).