

Updated Covid-19 Guidelines for Masses

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With the recent news from the CDC and public health departments regarding masks, the Archdiocesan and, therefore, our own liturgical guidelines have been updated, as well.

Beginning with Masses on Monday, May 24, fully vaccinated individuals that present a written record of completed vaccination to the Mass Greeter (Hospitality Team) upon their arrival do not need to wear masks in the church. Please note that a clear picture of the vaccination card on your personal phone will suffice. If an individual does not present the written record of their vaccination status upon entry, he/she will be required to wear a mask. All unvaccinated children will have to wear masks.

The choir loft area will be reserved only for those wearing masks regardless of their vaccination status. Vaccinated individuals who present their vaccination card and enter without the facial mask would need to take a seat on the lower level (and not the choir loft). All those who don't feel comfortable or protected while sitting next to vaccinated but unmasked people, please take a seat within the choir loft area.

Maintaining physical distance of 4-6 ft., hand sanitizing and registration for all Masses are still required.

Lastly, a single-file for each Communion minister is necessary to maintain physical distancing. If you are receiving the Eucharist on the tongue, please wait to the very end of the line. All Eucharistic Ministers as well as the president will continue to wear facial masks while distributing Holy Communion, regardless of their vaccination status.

The Archdiocesan Task Force understands that not all will be pleased with this decision.

Thank you for your patience as our local parish volunteers and staff continue to manage these important health guidelines.

When we reach Phase 5 in the coming weeks, and local departments of public health share updated guidelines, the Archdiocese of Chicago will adapt their guidance, as well.

