

## **In-Person Activity Task Force Recommendations to the Vestry April 22, 2021**

The In-Person Activity Task Force (formerly the In-Person Worship Task Force) met on Thursday, April 15 and Thursday, April 22, 2021, to discuss changes to our current activities in and around the All Souls' campus in light of changes in government and diocesan guidelines relating to the current status of the coronavirus pandemic and COVID-19 cases in San Diego County.

As of this writing, San Diego county is in the "orange tier" which allows for a wider variety of in-person activities. In addition, the state has indicated that they expect to lift many coronavirus restrictions on June 15, 2021 if current trends in reduced case counts continue. On April 7, 2021, bishop Susan Brown Snook made the following modification in diocesan guidelines:

- Outdoor worship is still the preferred option. Masking and distancing rules apply.
- However, indoor gatherings for worship may take place as long as the following capacity restrictions are met:
  - No more than 50% of capacity is filled.
  - Each household group is spaced at least 6 feet from any other household group. Please note that the distancing requirements may mean that your attendance limitation is actually less than 50%.
  - Double masking for all participants is required. Please have extra masks available at the door as people enter.
  - Congregational singing is still not permitted.
  - Choir singers and instrumental musicians may sing (or play their instruments) while wearing masks, and should be well distanced from any other participant.
  - Please provide the best ventilation possible for indoor worship.
  - Please keep worship services to 45 minutes or less, to the extent possible.
- Previous restrictions on communion still apply; i.e., no sharing of the common cup at this time; please distribute bread while taking care to maintain masking and distancing. A small amount of wine should be consecrated and consumed by the celebrant.

Small groups may meet indoors:

- Without restriction if all participants are fully vaccinated;
- With masking and 6-foot distancing if participants are not fully vaccinated.
- Church offices may reopen when all staff members are fully vaccinated or have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, and two weeks have elapsed to gain full immunity. Masking and distancing should be maintained when visitors are present. If two or more staff members are not vaccinated, please take precautions to protect them from each other.

Our In-person Activity Task Force has taken a conservative approach for both the safety of our local community and the safety of our congregation. In addition, our committee has offered a consistent approach so as not to be reactive to circumstances but proactive and consistent in our offerings.

As a result of our recent meetings, the In-person Activity Task Force makes the following recommendations to the All Souls' vestry with the understanding that if current coronavirus conditions change, recommendations may be updated to be more or less restrictive:

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

The committee recommends:

- Upon vestry approval of these recommendations through May, 2021
  - Offering one outdoor worship service at noon on Sundays
  - Reservations are required
  - Masks are required by all in attendance
  - Distance of 6' between family units is highly recommended
  - Communion will include distribution of the bread only
- Beginning June 6, 2021
  - Two Sunday Services will be offered
  - 1: 8:00 am Service – Inside the church
    - Spoken service (no music)
    - Reservations Required
    - Double Masking required
    - Distance of 6' maintained between family units
    - Communion will include distribution of the bread only
  - 2: 10:15 am Service – Outside on the Patio
    - With music
    - Reservations are required
    - Masks are required by all in attendance
    - Distance of 6' between family units is highly recommended
    - Communion will include distribution of bread only
    - In the event of rain, the 10:15 service will move inside and be offered in accordance with guidelines for 8:00 am.
- Children are invited and strongly encouraged to attend with their family. However, Child-care will not be offered during Sunday Worship.
- No Coffee hour will be offered.

## **WEEKDAY WORSHIP**

The committee recommends

- Saturday
  - Continue to meet via Zoom
  - Fr. Joe to discuss in-person possibility with Saturday regulars
  - Above recommendations for indoor and outdoor worship will apply
- Thursday
  - Fr. Joe to discuss in-person possibility with Thursday regulars
  - Above recommendations for indoor and outdoor worship will apply

## **ALL SOULS' PARISH ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN WORSHIP**

Effective upon acceptance of these recommendations by the vestry:

### **Choir**

Choir and choristers may meet in-person inside the church with the following requirements:

- Masks are required by all in attendance
- A minimum of 6' spacing between those in attendance
- Sessions are no longer than 30 minutes with breaks in between

### **Youth Group**

As the school year is nearing an end, youth group will continue to meet via zoom

Service projects may be offered to bring youth together in-person. If and when that occurs:

- Gatherings will be outdoors, if possible
- Masks will be required
- A minimum of 6' spacing between individuals is recommended

### **Forum**

The Sunday Morning Forums will continue via zoom through May, 2021 and then go on summer hiatus.

### **Parents' Bible Studies**

This group is currently meeting via zoom and will continue to do so.

There may be opportunity for in-person fellowship activities provided in the summer. If so,

- Gatherings will be outdoors, if possible
- Masks will be required
- A minimum of 6' spacing between family units is recommended
- No Food will be offered
- No Child Care will be offered

### **Centering Prayer**

Centering prayer may gather in-person. Masks are required unless all in attendance confirm they are fully vaccinated and all are comfortable removing masks. Distancing of 6' is recommended.

### **Home Tour Crafts**

- In-person indoor crafting is allowed at All Souls'
- Masks are required
- Ventilation to the space will be provided
- A minimum of 6' spacing between individuals is recommended
- Masks may be removed if all in attendance confirm they are fully vaccinated and all are comfortable removing masks and 6' spacing is maintained.

## **OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES AT ALL SOULS**

Including but not limited to: Peninsula Shepherd Center, Bach Collegium San Diego, AlAnon, AA, Point Loma Arts Academy, and Boy Scouts of America.

- Groups are welcome to meet at All Souls'
- Outdoor meetings are encouraged
- For all groups meeting indoors
  - Masks are required
  - Adherence to CDC distancing guidelines is required
  - Adherence to maximum number of occupants as prescribed by All Souls'
  - Ventilation of the space (open doors / windows) recommended
- Groups must provide contact tracing information to All Souls' including the name and contact information of those in attendance (except for groups which honor anonymity). This information will only be used to support COVID contact tracing, if necessary.
- Communal food and/or drink is not allowed
- Individual food and/or drink must be consumed at safe distance
- All groups are responsible for cleaning and returning the premises in the condition it was received. Cleaning supplies are the responsibility of the group. All Souls' can provide supplies for an added charge.
- Requests for variation from the above will be considered on an individual basis

## **ALL SOULS' PARISH OFFICE**

The All Souls' Parish Office will be open by appointment only. Staff will be present most days of the week and we strongly encourage calling and making an appointment before coming to the office.

For office visits:

- Masks are required
- 6' minimum distance between individuals is strongly recommended
- If possible, ventilation should be provided

Office hours for other organizations (BCSD, PSC) will be at the organizations discretion so long as they continue to abide by the guidelines provided above.

The guidelines and recommendations were assembled and provided by the In-Person Activity Task Force. Recommendations will be re-evaluated as more data and guidance from the diocese regarding the current pandemic status becomes available. These recommendations are provided for vestry approval with the understanding that the vestry may, at any time, revoke, modify, or suspend these recommendations.

In Christ,

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