

**St. John Lutheran Church
Response to Changing Covid 19 Conditions**

County Case numbers (7-day moving avg.)	Color/Risk Designation	Actions <i>In all cases, choirs, worshippers and worship leaders should participate according to their individual comfort level.</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">More than 100 / 100,000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red/High</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full masking indoors. • Virtual and live services available with masks required for everyone while in the church building; physical distancing maintained. • Choral masked singers limited to 15; no congregational singing. • Pre-packaged Communion served. • Services 60 minutes or less. • Congregation will exit immediately following postlude, starting from back pews to front. • Sunday school: Masks required, windows open and/or HEPA system in place. • Lock down and a return to virtual only services will occur if Montgomery County/State mandates. • The next level of precautions (below) will be observed when Montgomery Co. has reported that community transmission has decreased to “Orange/Substantial Risk” AND all members have had the opportunity to achieve full vaccination status (i.e., 3 months after a vaccine has been approved for children under the age of 12).
<p style="text-align: center;">Three months after approved vaccine for children under 12: 50-100 / 100,000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Orange/Substantial</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full masking indoors. • Virtual and live services available with masks required for everyone in the church building; physical distancing maintained. • Masked choir and congregational singing permitted. • Pre-packaged communion served. • Services limited to one hour. • Fellowship may be held outdoors. • Sunday school: Masks required, windows open and/or HEPA system in place.
<p style="text-align: center;">10-50 / 100,000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yellow/Moderate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual and live services available. • Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated during the spoken parts of service. • Masked choir and congregational singing permitted. • Pre-packaged communion served. • Services limited to one hour. • Fellowship may be held outdoors • Sunday school: Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated; windows open and/or HEPA system in place.

<p>Less than 10 / 100,000</p>	<p>Green/Low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual and live services available with optional masks for the fully vaccinated; no physical distancing required. • Allow singing by congregation and choir if vaccination rates in county and/or relevant zip codes are at least 80%. Same for outside groups as determined by the board. • Serving of communion and other foods may be served using previous guidelines attached to this document. • Fellowship may resume indoors.
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A person on the Covid Team is designated to track county conditions and report to the team when conditions warrant.