



COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Our Savior Lutheran Church

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COVID-19 Plan Administrator

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If you or someone in your group should test positive for COVID-19 after having prolonged contact with others at Our Savior, please contact the Plan Administrator.

General COVID-19 Safety Precautions

- Please continue to stay home if you feel sick or are awaiting COVID test results.

Communication Protocols

- If a student becomes ill with COVID-19, contact the Teacher and/or Director
 - The Director will work with the Plan Administrator
- If a staff member becomes ill with COVID-19, contact your supervisor/director
 - The Director will work with the Plan Administrator
- If a church member becomes ill with COVID-19, please contact any church staff member
 - The church staff will work with the Plan Administrator

Positive COVID-19 Cases

- Personal information of a confirmed COVID-19 case or quarantine is private, and will not be shared.
- We will work with the Minnesota Department of Health to identify those who had close contact and will communicate with them individually.

Face Coverings

- **Face Coverings are no longer required in Minnesota, however ...**
 - Anyone (vaccinated or unvaccinated) entering **Our Savior School** during business hours, **must continue to wear a face mask** until July 1. (MN DHS)
 - **Unvaccinated** people are still **strongly encouraged** to wear a face mask, stay 6 feet apart and wash your hands. (CDC)
 - **Vaccinated** individuals do not need to wear a face mask or social distance. (CDC)
- Please be respectful of those who continue to wear a face mask and social distance.
 - Not everyone is eligible to receive a vaccine.
 - Some have health issues that prevent vaccination.

Gatherings at Our Savior Lutheran Church

Indoor Worship Services

- Please **register in advance** for worship services (to quickly communicate a case of COVID-19).
- Upon arrival, **check-in is required** at the Welcome Center.
- Select seating will be available for those who want/need to continue to social distance and wear a mask (Will be adjusted as needed).
- The balcony will be opened for additional seating after the sanctuary becomes full.

Special Worship Services

- Weddings and funerals should have a guest book, should there be a positive COVID-19 case.
 - Inform the Church staff of a positive COVID-19 case among your guests.
 - The family will be responsible for communicating the positive case with their guests.
- Funeral lunches will be provided if there are volunteers available.

Small Groups (Meetings, Bible Studies, Groups)

- Participants no longer need to sign in. (Bible Study attendance is needed for LCMS reporting).

Large Indoor Gathering (VBS 2021)

- Drive up drop-off and pick-up will take place. Parents/caregivers will not enter the building.
- **Masks will be worn by all staff, volunteers and children.**
 - Children are not eligible to receive a vaccine.
- Groups will remain consistent throughout the week.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the various stations and throughout the building.
- No food will be served during VBS. There will be take home snacks only.

Musical Activities and Performances

- Singing continues to be a higher risk activity for spreading COVID-19 due to the aggressive expelling of respiratory droplets.
 - Singers are encouraged to allow extra space between participants and the congregation while performing.
 - Congregation members are encouraged to wear a face covering while singing.