Parish Ministries Guidelines
July 28, 2021

The parish ministries guidelines are below and replace operational guidelines from the discontinued *Emergency Preparedness Instruction Manual* and *Infectious Disease and Response Plan*.

Visitors and Screening
- Temperature taking for staff, volunteers, and visitors should cease.
- A modified entrance door screening sign should be posted until further notice. A sample sign will be placed on the Extranet under “Latest Diocesan COVID-19 Guidelines”.
- Practices regarding visitors and office hours that were in place prior to COVID-19 may resume.
- Parishes are encouraged to continue the practice of offering hand sanitizer.

Masks – Indoors and Outdoors
- Follow the Virginia Department of Health Guidelines linked [VDH](#).
  1. Fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask indoors or outdoors.
  2. Those who are unvaccinated or not fully-vaccinated should wear masks.
  3. Any person not wearing a mask shall not be required to produce documentation that they are vaccinated or that they have an underlying medical condition.

Social Distancing and Capacity Limits
- Preventative social distancing measures may cease, and temporary occupancy rates are lifted.
- Methods used to facilitate social distancing (i.e. blue tape) should be removed.

Close Contact and Positive Case Reporting
- Employees should continue to notify the Diocese of Richmond should there be close contact or a positive COVID-19 case. Reports should be made through the Employee Extranet, under “Report a COVID-19 Case”.

Transportation
- With the lifting of social distance restrictions carpooling is again permitted for participants. If a parish or campus ministry utilizes carpooling, prudence and care should be shown to help accommodate the vaccinated and unvaccinated.