

## **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church COVID-19 Reopening Policy**

In order to promote public health and protect the vulnerable, St. Andrew's seeks to minimize the risk of the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus among St. Andrew's employees, congregants, renters, and visitors, the Session adopted the following policy. This policy is consistent with those established by the State of Oregon and by Multnomah County. Should the government policies become more restrictive than ours, then the government policy will supersede ours.

Vaccination for COVID-19 is required for in-person participation in St. Andrew's worship services and our church-sponsored events. Vaccination is strongly encouraged for events held by other users of the building. Masks are strongly encouraged as described below.

### **Vermont Hills School**

- This policy does not apply to Vermont Hills school staff, students, parents, or visitors. Vermont Hills is operating under policies that follow state and county guidelines.
- Individuals not associated with Vermont Hills School should not enter rooms used by the school without explicit prior approval by Vermont Hills staff during school hours or church staff when the school is not open.

### **Precautions for persons with known or at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure**

- Individuals with known exposure to someone with COVID-19 and who do not themselves display COVID-19 symptoms are advised to follow the precautions below for their circumstance prior to entering the building.
  - A fully vaccinated person with a single exposure to COVID-19 is advised to have a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days after the exposure.
  - An unvaccinated person with a single exposure is advised to wait 10 days after exposure or 7 days with a negative test 5-7 days after exposure.
  - A fully vaccinated person with ongoing exposure (e.g., a family/household member) is advised to test immediately and every 3-5 days past the last exposure.
  - An unvaccinated person with ongoing exposure is advised to test on days 11, 15, and 18 from the onset of COVID-19 in the infected person.
- Anyone with any of the following symptoms should not enter the building until the symptoms resolve or they have had a negative COVID-19 test after symptoms began. Many of these are the same as the common cold and are appearing more often in COVID-19 cases.

Fever > 100°F or chills	Acute generalized muscle pain
New cough	Acute fatigue or sudden onset of discomfort or illness
Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
New loss of taste or smell	New or unusual headache
Sore throat	New or unexpected congestion or runny nose

For their own safety, unvaccinated individuals should consider sitting adjacent to an open door or window.

### **Entrance to the building**

- Entrance must be scheduled with the office manager, Katy Rustvold, to monitor the number and location of people in the building at any one time.
- Primary access will be via the door on the north side of the building near the main office. Participants for approved gatherings in the narthex or sanctuary should use the designated outside door to the narthex, and participants going to Friendship Hall should use the adjacent hall door.

- Individuals who must use the elevator may enter through the entrance near Friendship Hall.
- Hand sanitizer will be located at all entrances, and all who enter should sanitize their hands upon entry.
- Participants for approved gatherings in the chapel may enter via the designated outside door to the chapel if hand sanitizer is taken to that location.

## Hygiene

Acceptable face coverings/masks are N95, KN95, KF94, or both a cloth mask and a surgical mask, not single cloth masks, plastic face shields, bandanas, neck gaiters, or other thin covering. Masks must completely cover both nose and mouth. Individuals should bring their own face coverings. A limited number will be available if needed.

- Face coverings are **strongly encouraged** upon entrance to the building.
- Handwashing is encouraged.
- No sharing of food or drink. No use of the kitchen to prepare food, except for personal use by church staff. Food and drink prepackaged in individual portions may be consumed. Group meals must be eaten outdoors. Rare exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis with appropriate precautions.
- Sharing of papers, pamphlets, hymnals, etc. is prohibited except by members of the same household.
- No playing of wind instruments during group gatherings.
- Countertops, tables, brochure racks, etc. should be covered or cleared of nonessential items.
- Participants may only use the narthex restrooms when Vermont Hills Preschool is in session. At other times, the restrooms closest to the meeting room should be used.

## Religious services

- St. Andrew's Sunday worship services will resume in-person and online participation on February 20th.
- Seating in the sanctuary will be in alternate pews with the pews having one family/pod of three or more individuals, or couples/pods of 2 at opposite ends of the pew, or three single individuals spaced at the ends and the middle of the pew.
- Masks are strongly encouraged and vaccination is required for all in-person attendees (includes Sunday worship, memorials, and weddings).

## Meetings and other gatherings

- The room must be cleaned and sanitized by the attendees at the end of the gathering.
- Chairs and tables must be returned to their original locations.

## Occupancy limits for meeting spaces

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| ○ Sanctuary - 120 | ○ Lounge - 15          | ○ South Calvin hall - 18    |
| ○ Narthex - 50    | ○ Quilting room - 10   | ○ Youth/Boy Scout room - 20 |
| ○ Chapel - 30     | ○ Conference room - 10 | ○ Friendship hall - 100     |

## Main office

- No one is allowed into the main office unless authorized by a church staff member.
- No one is allowed on the other side of the counter in the office unless authorized by a church staff member.
- When more than one person is in the office, face coverings must be worn and social distancing maintained.
- Staff and volunteers are encouraged to continue working from home as much as is feasible.
- Use of office desks, phones, computers, copy machine, and other shared equipment is prohibited unless authorized by a church staff member. After such use, anything touched must be sanitized.

**Active sports for ages 13 and up**

- Hand sanitizing required
- Masks and vaccines are strongly encouraged at all times indoors.
- Low and medium contact sports may be allowed in Friendship Hall. Full contact sports are definitely not allowed.
- The OSAA and PIL Safety Plans must be followed to the extent that they are applicable to the church. References to staff and coaches will refer to the group's coach(es) and staff. The church's policy must be followed where it is more restrictive than the OSAA and PIL policies.
- On weekdays, entrance to the building will not be allowed until at least 30 minutes after it is vacated by the staff and students of Vermont Hills preschool.
- All doors to Friendship Hall must remain open for increased ventilation during the activity. In particularly cold weather, the outside doors only need to be partially open.
- The doors to the restrooms by Friendship Hall must remain open to avoid touching the handles.
- If multiple groups of students or teams will be playing in one day, at least 30 minutes must be allowed between activities for room ventilation and sanitation. The first cohort of players and coaches must leave the premises before the second cohort arrives.
- The court floor needs to be dust mopped at the end of each day's activity.

**Follow-up**

- This policy is subject to change at any time by the Session or COVID-19 Task Force.