

First Parish Church
Guidelines for Use of the Sanctuary, Pilgrim House & Outdoor spaces during COVID
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In an effort to safely reopen our buildings and regather as a community, the Reopening Task Force, with the approval of Church Council, provides the following set of guidelines for meetings and events on our church campus. We are following guidance of the Maine Governor and Maine CDC. Your anticipated compliance is greatly appreciated!

1. Sunday Church Services (Sanctuary):

- A. Beginning June 27th, the Sanctuary will be open for modified Sunday services.
- B. All attendees who are unvaccinated or under the age of 12 are asked to wear a mask at all times.
- C. Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Exhaust fans will be set up to increase circulation.
- D. Children are encouraged to start the service over at Pilgrim House for Summer Sundays or daycare.
- E. There will be no communion offered.
- F. There will be music provided, but there will be no singing by the congregation.
- G. The offering basket will be passed, but you are encouraged to utilize our online giving options.
- H. There will be no coffee hour in the vestry following the service.
- I. Congregants are asked to exit the sanctuary directly following the service. Please do not linger and socialize indoors.

2. All Other Indoor Meetings/Events (Pilgrim House, Sanctuary):

- A. As soon as possible prior to the event, email the Event Coordinator, Todd Rider at office@firstparish.net to book location for date/time & expected number of attendees. We are currently discouraging all unannounced visits due to lack of staff available in the building.
- B. All attendees who are unvaccinated or under the age of 12 are asked to wear a mask at all times.
- C. There is an Event Box* located by the bench in the hallway by the new parking lot entrance, which contains masks, had sanitizer and cleaning supplies.
- D. You are encouraged to open windows and doors when the weather permits to increase air circulation. Fans are also available in various locations in the building. Ensure fans are positioned so they exhaust the air from the building.
- E. No food or drinks (other than a personal water bottle, etc.) may be served at meetings or events at this time.

3. Outdoor events

- A. Currently there are no restrictions for outdoor events but we still ask that you email the Event Coordinator, Todd Rider at office@firstparish.net to book location for date/time & expected number of attendees.
- B. Please be considerate of others and use common sense regarding gathering and socializing.