

Trinity Lutheran Church
COVID-19 Transition Team Facility Use Guidelines
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These guidelines are established using recommendations from the CDC, SC DHEC, ELCA, and SC Synod. Due to the nature of the circumstances, this policy will be periodically reviewed, and is subject to change without notice.

We are at a time and place where it is not yet for full utilization of church property and facilities. Trinity members have maintained community with small group meetings outdoors. However, we are at a point where enough information is available about COVID prevention that groups are able to use certain church spaces for gatherings reasonably safely, using the following guidelines if all participants are not fully vaccinated*:

- All participants are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated, especially those at risk for serious COVID disease. Vaccination does not preclude all precautions, including wearing of masks at all times, distancing, and use of hand sanitizer.
- Meetings may be held in the designated space provided appropriate precautions are followed by all.
- Meetings must be approved and scheduled through the church office to ensure availability and scheduling for cleaning.
- Anyone not feeling well, or with recent (within 2 weeks) known coronavirus exposure must not attend
- Anyone who becomes ill within 10 days of attending the meeting must notify the church office immediately
- Persons at risk for severe COVID-19 illness (including those over age 65, or with heart or lung disease, or diabetes, or immune suppression) should not attend
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the meeting space and bathrooms, and should be used when entering and exiting the building
- A record of attendees and contact information will be provided to the church office within 24 hours of the meeting, to allow rapid contact tracing should an exposure occur
- All attendees must bring a mask and wear it the entire time, except when eating or drinking while distanced from others.
- Attendees must maintain six feet of distance from each other at all times, including while entering and leaving the space, and while seated.
- Doors will be propped open to prevent the necessity of touching the knobs and handles
- Attendees will greet each other with a wave, bow or head nod, as there can be no hugging, hand shaking, or other physical contact.
- All utilized rooms will be cleaned and sanitized following the meeting if the space will be used again within 48 hours

*If all participants are fully vaccinated, and none object, masks and distancing are not required. If a participant does confidentially indicate to the organizer or a pastor that he or she is not comfortable with the group dispensing with masks, the above rules will apply.