

ST. MARK POLICY & PROTOCOL IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE

On May 11, 2023, the CDC officially declared the end of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency. As a result of this declaration, many safeguards have been removed or left to the discretion of specific organizations. Though the Public Health Emergency has ended, Coronavirus still remains. Many individuals have relaxed their use of mask; however, we must ALL continue to do everything we can to ensure the safest environment possible.

Current St. Mark Policy

While Contact Tracing is **NO LONGER** a requirement for any activity/gathering in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, **MASKS are still required** in the Sanctuary, or for any gatherings in the Fellowship Hall with more than **50** attendees. Masking for outdoor activities is at the individual's discretion. However, please remember to always be considerate of others.

Establish an Expectation of Immediate Reporting of Positive Results

Individuals, testing positive, who have participated in any activity in the building are requested to advise the Administrative Assistant or designee of their positive test. The Administrative Assistant or designee will notify the Pastor, Trustees, and Ministry or Group Leader if any additional notifications are required and ensure the expeditious handling, and proper cleaning is scheduled.

Transmission – Risk Factors

When reporting your results, please advise of your suspected level of transmission risk.

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Length of Time</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Symptoms</u>	<u>Masks</u>	<u>Ventilation</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Low	Shorter exposure	Less (just sitting near)	No symptoms	Both masked	Outdoors	Separated by partition
Moderate	Med exposure	Moderate (talking)		Only one masked	Indoors-well vent.	Moderately close
High	Longer exposure	Elevated (singing, coughing)	Symptoms	Neither masked	Indoors-poor vent.	Very close or touching

Isolation Guidance

See the attached guidance, "Isolate and take precautions if you have or suspect you have COVID-19."

Communicate Care, Process and Rationale to Build Trust and Understanding

Be transparent, calm, and clear in all communications. Do not reveal the names of any individuals or share enough context for people to be able to identify the individual(s) testing positive.