

Prince of Peace Covid-19 Safety Protocols

Pandemic Plan Update

Beginning July 1, 2021

The following update is based upon The Way of Jesus Christ, the updated CDC, NJ State and Burlington County Health Department recommendations to date as well as those of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The Safety Team reminds us that while the Coronavirus infection rates are significantly lower at the present moment this virus is still a threat especially to the unvaccinated (many adults and all children under 12) and those in poor health. In addition, the virus could constitute a threat to those who are vaccinated as the disease continues to mutate as it infects more and more people; with a potential to mutate out of the present vaccination efficacy profiles. Therefore, the team recommends that as we continue to emerge from this time we do so always considering those who are most vulnerable among us. In an effort to be a community of Jesus' love, we strive to provide a welcoming and safe environment for ALL; therefore the following Safety Protocols have been recommended by the Safety Team and adopted by the Prince of Peace Congregation Council.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

July 3 & 4, 2021 until September-ish

5:30 - Saturday Evening Worship

- In-person Outdoors
- Please bring your own chair
- Anyone at any time who wishes to wear a mask may do so, or not
- Communion, for the time being, will continue to be administered through the bread alone

9:30 – Sunday Morning Worship

- In-person Inside the Sanctuary
- For the safety of unvaccinated children in particular and because we will be singing, masks will be required for all when gathering for indoor worship during this transition period
- Some seating will be blocked so as to help accommodate safer spacing
- We will gather names of those in attendance for contact tracing
- Communion, for the time being, will continue to be administered through the bread alone
- We will keep the glass walls in the back of the sanctuary open as well as the windows and doors in the sanctuary during worship until the special filtration system is properly installed in the sanctuary

5:30 pm – Sunday Evenings

- Online Gathering for Worship
- Zoom Link will be in Friday Newsletter

Protocols when in the building for POP Activities other than Worship**

For our personal health and that of our neighbor we commit to wear a Mask:

- When gathering for worship indoors
(Especially, because we will be singing and for the safety of unvaccinated children in particular.)
- If you are not vaccinated or immunocompromised
- If there are more than ten (10) people gathering in the same indoor space at one time*
- If you choose to wear one

*Groups of ten or less with no children (12 and under) present may decide among themselves whether to wear masks or not while indoors (except for worship). The unvaccinated are asked to wear a mask. Anyone may wear a mask at any time for any reason.

***Signage on the doors – The above will be posted at all entrances to POP.*

VBS – Vacation Bible School

Understanding that all of the children participating in POP's VBS are not able to presently receive vaccinations, Prince of Peace has adopted the American Academy of Pediatrics 2021 Covid-19 Summer Camp recommendations with regard to our VBS (vacation bible school) program this summer. All Staff and participants will wear a mask while participating in the event.

Community Groups

At least until September 2021, POP will continue not to host community groups indoors yet they are still welcome to meet outdoors on the property while the leadership is in deliberation as to the direction of our ministry, its subsequent building use needs and the discernment of safety protocols for this stage of the pandemic.

There will be a reapplication process for those wishing to petition for meeting space as well as a change in how outside groups store their materials they choose to leave in the building.