# Grace Church COVID Safe Guidelines

## June 2021

The Grace Church leadership team has approved the following guidelines, based on Episcopal Diocesan and CDC standards.

* We all must wear masks, being sure to cover the nose and mouth properly. No Scarves or “gaiters” will be allowed.
* Remember to stay socially distant. Every other pew will be labelled closed. Family members may sit together in designated pews.
* At this time, people may hum along with the songs.
* All readers are to wear their masks when at the microphone.
* At the time for communion, people should walk down the center aisle to receive the wafer and then turn to the left and return to their pews using the side aisle.

Of Note:

Please remember that *not everyone has been vaccinated*.  In order to protect the unvaccinated among us, we need to continue wearing masks. The bottom line for all of this:

The COVID virus and its variants are still present and even those vaccinated could still get the virus. We have to assume that a fully vaccinated person could be an asymptomatic carrier of the virus and could therefore spread it to an unvaccinated person in the church. However, statewide data indicates that fully vaccinated people who test positive appear to be clearing the virus quickly, often within 3-4 days.