

COVID-19 TASK FORCE – PROTOCOLS FOR STAFF, MEMBERS, VISITORS WHO BECOME ILL WITH COVID SYMPTOMS OR TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

These protocols are taken from CDC guidelines.

IF YOU BECOME ILL, DO YOU HAVE COVID? WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?

You are considered positive for COVID, tested or not, if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Diarrhea

You are responsible to promptly notify the church office, Pastor Burkhart, or Peg Sennett Chair of the Task Force, if you have been in the church building, or if you came in contact with staff or a member of St. Paul's, starting from two days before illness onset, or for an asymptomatic patient two days prior to test specimen collection.

You are responsible to provide St. Paul's with:

- Dates you were in the church building.
- Worship services you attended.
- Names of staff, members, or others with whom you had contact, including date(s), and if you came within 6 feet of the individual(s) either in the building or off-site for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

You must isolate and not enter the St. Paul's building or have direct contact with staff or members. You may return to St. Paul's :

- If you are tested, 10 days since symptoms first appeared and 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Your physician may set different requirements.
- If you are not tested, 72 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- And other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
- Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks and need not delay the end of isolation.

Most people do not require testing to decide if they must isolate and when they can again be around others; however, if your healthcare provider recommends testing, they may set a longer time period before you can resume being around others based on your test results and overall health.

YOU ARE NOT ILL BUT YOU HAD CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS, WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?

You need to quarantine if:

- You had close contact defined as being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 symptoms for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19 symptoms.
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them).

- You shared eating or drinking utensils.
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.

You must quarantine for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.

- Watch for fever (100.4F), cough, shortness of breath or other COVID-19 symptoms.

If you have a close relationship with someone who has COVID-19, your 14-day quarantine begins anew with each contact you have with that person.

If you live in a household and cannot avoid close contact with a person who has COVID-19, you must quarantine and continue to quarantine for 14 days after the person who has COVID-19 meets the criteria to end home isolation.

YOU HAD A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST AND ARE SYMPTOM FREE. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IF YOU ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WITH COVID?

You do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as you do not develop symptoms

- If you develop symptoms again within 3 months of your bout with COVID-19 you may need to be re-tested.
- Based on CDC guidelines, your protection from reinfection or spreading COVID is good for only 3 months.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES ST. PAUL'S HAVE TO NOTIFY OTHERS?

St. Paul's has the responsibility to separate a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected or potentially infected from those who are not infected to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.

- Notify staff, members, others who may have been exposed and advise them to contact their health care provider.
- Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, do not disclose the identity of the person diagnosed, or any medical information.
- Utilizing the CDC form, notify appropriate agencies of any positive COVID test.

WHAT ARE ST. PAUL'S RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN NOTIFIED THAT STAFF, MEMBERS OR VISITORS HAVE CONTRACTED COVID-19 WITH EITHER SYMPTOMS OR A POSITIVE TEST RESULT?

- Close off areas used by the person who is sick. The building does not need to be closed and business cease if the affected area can be closed off.
- If possible open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the sick person, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, and shared equipment.
- Once cleaning and disinfecting has been completed, the area can be re-opened.
- If more than 7 days have passed since the ill person occupied the space, no cleaning or disinfecting is needed.