

## Covid-19 Update March 7, 2022

Relying on accurate, evidence-based information is key to staying safe and healthy. We rely on the CDC's data and guidance to make decisions about the mitigation efforts we put in place at St. Paul. We continue to frequently monitor the positivity and level of transmission rates in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Here is a simple explanation of the community transmission rates from the CDC:

### What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If you are <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li><li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wear a <a href="#">mask</a> indoors in public</li><li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li><li>Additional precautions may be needed for people <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a></li></ul>

Learn more at [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

As these rates continue to fall, we will welcome back the following activities accordingly:

- The positivity rate is < 10%
  - Coffee Hour on Sundays following Worship
  - Soup Suppers during the Lenten season
  - Fellowship events
- When the community transmission is at the **Medium** level or lower:
  - Communion at the rail
- When the community transmission is at the **Low** level:
  - The Playground returns to its original spot
  - Children will be invited to come up to the front for the Children's Message
  - Hymnals and Bibles will be returned to the pew racks
  - Plexiglas will be removed from the Pulpit and Lectern

\*A note about Communion – the kits will be used until further notice, as they offer an extra layer of protection from hand to mouth.

We will continue to monitor the virus status for any fluctuations in positivity rates, levels of transmission, and surges of new variants. If measures need to be taken in the future to keep us safe, they will be considered and implemented. We appreciate your patience and support.

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