

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN: MINISTRIES (5.28.21 VERSION)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all of our parishioners and volunteers. During the pandemic, our goal was to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 for parishioners and volunteer ministers—Only through that cooperative effort were we able to establish and maintain the safety and health of everyone.

Parishioner and staff commitment is essential in implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We review this plan for improvement and on 5.20.21 changes were made to adjust to State/Federal orders. Our Preparedness Plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines and federal OSHA standards related to COVID-19, and Archdiocese direction, and addresses:

- hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- engineering and administrative controls for social distancing;
- housekeeping – cleaning, disinfecting and decontaminating;
- prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;
- communications and training will be provided to volunteer leaders and staff as needed;

No Sick People at Ministry Meetings

- We encourage you to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or other contagious medical conditions (high temperature, aches, sore throat, and other cold/flu like symptoms, etc.). We recommend you stay at home if you feel sick.
- Leave meetings if feeling sick and inform the ministry leader and/or staff member of that sickness as possible.
- Contact staff member if you have been tested, diagnosed or treated for COVID-19 or a physician tells you that you likely or may have COVID-19.
- Best advice for all is, do not come to SJN if you feel sick.

Protect Yourself – Personal Sanitation Recommended

- Wash your hands thoroughly and often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Maintenance will ensure handwashing soaps and sanitizers are available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Per Governor Walz order # 21-23, Masks are no longer required to be worn at SJN. You are welcome to bring your own mask and wear it for in-person ministry meetings.
- Please bring hand sanitizer from home for your use if you desire to sanitize hands
- Please cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If no tissue is handy, cough into the crease in your arm near the elbow. Dispose of tissues in the trash and wash or sanitize hands.

Social Distancing

- Per Governor Walz Order 21-21, social distancing requirements are relaxed for full seating with no distance requirements after 5.28.21.

- Until May 28,2021, we respect social distancing and avoid close contact with others by staying at least 6 feet away from others whenever possible. Small meetings will be limited to large rooms where people can maintain the required social distance. All in-person interactions are strongly encouraged to maintain social distancing, whether in hallways, conference rooms, meeting rooms, social hall, or other rooms.

Food and Drink

- You may offer food/drink at meetings/events. As with any food/beverage items, we want to minimize touching of food or beverages by offering tongs to grab the food or drink.

Housekeeping

- Sanitizing of meeting/event/Mass areas will be completed on a periodic basis with each day being the target frequency.
- Volunteer ministers/staff liaisons are to sanitize meeting areas after their meetings. It is the responsibility of the overseeing staff member to provide sanitizing materials and training for sanitizing if needed.

Communications and Training

The corresponding SJN staff person will email this preparedness plan to the ministry leads before the ministry meets on SJN campus.