## **Covid Update**

As many of you are aware the state has lifted most all Covid related restrictions since the state has reached over 70 per cent of our residents, 12 years and older being vaccinated. Thus the Standing Committee of the Diocese has also issued a statement regarding Covid guidelines: "We are lifting all diocesan restrictions for churches; however, we fully support any Rector, Priest-in-charge or Vicar who chooses to keep some or all of the regulations in place."

With that in mind and the hope to continue to move back to normal and at the same time respecting that there are some that are still very concerned, especially those who for whatever reason are not vaccinated, those who have a serious health condition, those who have lost a friend or loved one because of the virus, we are making the following changes starting July 4:

- 1. No Masks required (can wear one if you prefer)
- 2. No occupancy restrictions
- 3. People can receive communion (bread only) at the communion rail
- 4. Still remain at our seats for the peace
- 5. Offering plates and bringing the bread, wine and water can resume
- 6. Greeters ministry can resume
- 7. Obviously, please stay home if you are experiencing any ill symptoms

## Other Covid Protocols

- 1. Wednesday morning worship will continue in the main church for now but will be returning to the chapel.
- 2. People can gather in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship but full coffee hour will resume in September.
- 3. The Nursery will be reopened once renovation is complete. Hopefully this summer but certainly by September.
- 4. Training of Acolytes over the summer months to begin and acolytes will resume in September.

Please keep watch as we will keep you updated on further changes including the use of wine for communion, opening of Nursery and more.

Please contact Father Roy with questions or concerns.

Many thanks over these last several months for your patience and understanding over this season of Covid.