

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – Appleton, Wisconsin
Worship Policies

Updated 2/23/2022

<u>CDC Level of Community Transmission</u> <u>(Outagamie + Calumet counties; average)</u>	<u>Fully Vaccinated</u>	<u>Unvaccinated</u>	<u>Singing</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Socializing</u>
Very High Trending Up or Peaking (500 +)	Mask and Distancing Indoors Required	Mask and Distancing Indoors Required	Singing by cantors only Social Distancing by Alternate Row Seating	During the service, Servers masked with individual servings available	Refrain from shaking hands; leave right after service without socializing
High Clearly Trending Down (100-500) 161---WE ARE HERE	Mask and Distancing Indoors Required	Mask and Distancing Indoors Required	Singing <u>with masks</u> by the congregation Social Distancing Recommended	During the service, Servers masked with individual servings available	Refrain from shaking hands; leave right after service without socializing
Substantial (50-100)	Mask and Distancing Indoors Required	Mask and Distancing Indoors Required	Singing <u>with masks</u> by the congregation Social Distancing Recommended	During the service, Servers masked with individual servings available	Some Socializing Coffee Served
Moderate (10-50)	Mask and Distancing Indoors Optional	Mask and Distancing Indoors Recommended	Singing <u>with masks</u> <u>optional</u> by the congregation	During the service	Some socializing Coffee & Food Served
Low update(<10)	Mask and Distancing Indoors Optional	Mask and Distancing Indoors Recommended	Singing <u>without</u> <u>masks</u> by the congregation	During the service	Normal Socializing Coffee & Food Served

UPDATE – 2/23/22

For some months we have been tracking the COVID-19 case rate for Outagamie and Calumet counties. Last year we developed the above matrix in accordance with information from the CDC to have consistent guidelines for worship practices.

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We have positive news to communicate! Results for the COVID-19 case rate for Outagamie and Calumet counties for the week of 2/23/2022 dropped to a rate of **161** cases per 100,000 residents. We remain in the “High” category so no change in worship practices. Recall that the case rate for the week of January 15th only a month ago was at **2,282** per 100,000. Our current case rate is slightly below what we experienced in August of last year. With the reduced case rate, we will follow our worship practices matrix. We have returned to masked singing by the congregation. While forecasting the future case rate for the COVID-19 virus is very unpredictable, we anticipate a continued decrease in the case rate for our area. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 case rate on a weekly basis. We will review the new information with the pastors and Church Council and adapt our worship practices to meet the changing conditions. It has been a very long haul for our congregation and the community at-large. We ask for your continued patience as we navigate our path forward.

Blessings to all,

Mark Steine

Council President

Notes:

- 1) Masking does not show vaccination status! Masking shows a decision to take added precautions to protect yourself and others you come into contact with (Living the Golden Rule).
- 2) Food for funeral attendees will be provided but limited to 75 people until we are at the CDC Moderate Level.