

Quick Guidelines for Those Participating in The Mass (Indoors)

- A reminder that members of the clergy, staff, and volunteers **must** stay home if they are sick or exhibit any COVID-19 CDC defined symptoms.
- Parish volunteers must wear face masks at all times. They may remove their face masks only when receiving Holy Communion per the guidelines for Holy Communion.
- All members of the congregation need to wear masks, from the time they leave their cars in the parking lot until the time they return to their cars, with a few exceptions: a. Children under the age of two should not wear masks. b. Parents should judge for children between the ages of two and five whether they should wear a mask.
- Strict social distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times with anyone outside of a person's immediate household. Social distancing must be maintained from the time a person or family leave their car until the time they return.
- It is acceptable for people walking up to receive Holy Communion to pass by people seated in pews with less than 6 feet of space since this action is brief and does not qualify as prolonged exposure to those involved.
- Entrance and exit doors will be held open at the beginning and end of Mass to prevent people from touching door handles, knobs, or push plates.
- If weather permits, church windows will be left open to improve air circulation. Air conditioning systems will run when the weather justifies its use.
- No one is allowed to congregate in common spaces such as foyers, lobbies, community and multi-purpose rooms, basements, or event spaces.
- The faithful do not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- The physical sign of peace is omitted.
- Passing of collection baskets is not allowed. The collection box will be available when entering/ or exiting the church.
- Restrooms will remain closed during this phase.
- Only those who **registered previously online**, and up to a maximum of 50 as per the allowed capacity, can be allowed indoors.

More information at: <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Guidelines-for-the-Resumption-of-Indoor-Masses-5.31.2020.pdf>