

## **DULIN CHURCH TRANSITION PHASE 5 (updated)**

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Implementation date: January 21, 2023

### **1. COVID VARIANT RESPONSE**

- Dulin Church will use the COVID ACT NOW ([www.covidactnow.org](http://www.covidactnow.org)) parameters of low, medium and high in Arlington and Fairfax Counties to determine in-person worship and on-site program ministries. This uses a broad array of data points to determine level of community risk.
  - + Low level- wear a mask based on your personal preference.
  - + Medium level, as recommended, will allow for optional masking.
  - + High level, as recommended, will require masks for all persons.
- These levels will be monitored to give Dulin disciples notice of when level of community risk changes.

### **2. HYGIENE**

- Encourage persons to be intentional in maintaining proper hygiene during all gatherings.
- Sanctuary and rooms cleaned and sanitized before and after by staff.
- Hand sanitizer stations located at entry points of building.
- Restrooms cleaned before and after by staff.
- Signage

### **3. PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

- Optional social distancing. The pews near the organ in the sanctuary will be available for persons who wish to practice social distancing of 3 feet.
- Food and drink allowed inside and outside building.

### **4. MASKS**

- Form fitting masks, preferably N95, KN95 will be worn when recommended or required.
- Choir masking based on community risk level.

## **5. VACCINATION**

- As a matter of covenant, we commit to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before attending church events and activities in person.
- We follow the CDC definition for what it means to be fully vaccinated. People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19: two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna or other vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen) and they have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose as soon as eligible per CDC recommendations.

## **6. SCREENING**

- Stay home if not well.
- Health Acknowledgement Posters will be posted throughout the building. Vaccination policy will be specified on the Health Acknowledgement Poster.

## **7. LIMIT EXPOSURE**

- Meetings, events, and worship will be limited to 90 minutes

## **8. VENTILATION**

- 20-ton hvac system in large gathering spaces.
- Constant replenishing of air
- Front doors/windows will be opened, weather permitting.

## **9. WORSHIP and MINISTRY EVENTS**

All ministries are encouraged to provide both in-person and virtual participation.

- a. One Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m.
- b. WELCOME HOME worship service, Sunday, September 11, 10 a.m.
- c. Sunday School for children and youth is suspended and replaced with monthly programs and activities for children, youth, and families on Sunday afternoons and evenings.
  - i.e. September- Welcome Back

October- Trunk or Treat

November- food drive

December- Living Nativity

January- Smithsonian Museum event

Adult Sunday School will meet in preference to class members.

- d. ESL will offer in-person classes for 10 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. We have teacher commitments for four classes. Unvaccinated students will be required to wear a mask.
- e. Ministry of Hope will offer a once-a-month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 8 a.m. outside carry-out breakfast with \$10 gift card beginning October. A job description for each volunteer will be created including masking and gloves. This team is writing up the proposal based on Falls Church Presbyterians' experience with monthly take out dinners.
- f. The Dulin Preschool has its own protocol which is optional masking.
- g. Hands-on outreach activities off site of Dulin Church will follow host's COVID protocol.
- h. Nursery will be provided for children ages 2-5. Nursery workers will be required to mask due to close contact with children. Parents will be texted to come to the nursery for intimate care issues. A nursery care procedures manual is being updated.

## **10. STAFF**

- All staff, including nursery workers, will be fully vaccinated with a proof of vaccination card maintained in the church office.
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#### **11. POSITIVE CASES AT DULIN CHURCH**

Should any staff/pastor/guest/ disciple, vendor test positive for COVID 19, that person shall notify the church office and pastor immediately. If staff, the person shall self-quarantine a minimum of 5 days after the positive test. The staff person may return to work by wearing a mask at all times for at least the next five days.