

St. Joseph Church COVID-19 Operating Guidelines

- Parishioners not feeling well are asked to stay home.
- Generally speaking, temperatures of students will be taken upon arrival at events (excluding mass). This requirement may change dependent upon category of risk we may be in at any given time. (See categories below.)
 - If a student has a temperature of 100+ or are manifesting symptoms of illness, they will be sent home.
- Events will be held in areas that allow for effective social distancing.
- Masks are recommended but not required.
- Spaces will be cleaned and disinfected after each event.
- The plan is subject to change based on the most current information available from the CDC and SD and local health professionals.

Operational Categories

The determination to move from Category 1 to Category 2 or 3 will be made based on the most current information available from the CDC, SD and local health professionals. The pastor, in consultation with the PAC (Pastoral Advisory Council) and parish staff, will determine what category we operate in and for what duration of time.

Category 1: Evidence of isolated cases or limited community transmission

Category 1 Operations would allow for programs and events to occur as planned following the operating guidelines listed above. Parish office will be open to parishioners.

Category 2: Sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within community and potential for rapid increase in cases

Category 2 Operations would include cancellation of programs or events (mass not included) that do not allow for adequate social distancing, parish office would be available by scheduled appointment only, with preference given to handle business via phone or email as appropriate.

Category 3: Large scale, uncontrolled community transmission, including the parish

Category 3 Operations would include cancellation of all programs and events (mass not included) until the threat of large-scale parish transmission has been reduced and cases within the community are at levels that are manageable. Parish office will be closed and all contact will be via phone, email, or Zoom during this time.

Assumption of Risk

St. Joseph Church has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the Church cannot guarantee that individuals will be protected from becoming infected with COVID-19.