

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services August 3, 2020

"People must wear face coverings when in public places, indoor or outdoor, where physical distancing of six (6) feet from other people who are not members of the same household or residence is not possible."

Exceptions (page 2) as they specifically apply to Saint Leo:

- *"Face coverings may be removed to participate in a religious ritual."*
- *Face coverings do not need to be worn by an individual in public places who "...has a medical or behavioral condition or disability and cannot wear a face covering including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing..."*
- *"...under 11 years of age..."*
- *"...giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience."*

Governor Cooper's Executive Order 141 (EO 141)

Exemptions from This Executive Order (Section 4)

"Worship, religious and spiritual gatherings, funeral ceremonies, wedding ceremonies, and other activities constituting the exercise of First Amendment rights are exempt from all the requirements of this Executive Order and Executive Order Nos. 121 and 138, notwithstanding any other provision of this Executive Order of Executive Order Nos. 121 and 138."

Diocese of Charlotte Guidelines/Phase II

- The faithful continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation.
- In order to maintain social distancing, the faithful are to be directed to approach Holy Communion as a household with distancing between each group.
- There is to be no congregational singing. Mass parts may be sung by the cantor or recited by all the faithful.
- Provision should be made so that the celebrant is unencumbered by the presence of others at the chair, altar and ambo so that he may speak without a mask.
- The faithful's right to receive on the tongue or hand remains intact.
- Those distributing Holy Communion are to wear a mask.

- Purification must precede sanitizing in order to wash small particles of the Blessed Sacrament with water that is to be respectfully reposed into the ground or sacrarium.
- Normal confession and devotional times may resume.
- The faithful should be reminded that it is not necessary to receive Holy Communion and they may choose to make a spiritual Communion if they think this is best in light of their own particular circumstances.
- Stay at home if sick.

Diocese of Charlotte Indoor Liturgical Services I (b):

"In so far as possible, because attending a liturgical event in a church in some ways approximates the practical consideration for seating groups at dine in facilities the EO 141 guidelines for the reopening of restaurants is to be reasonably adapted to church interiors."

- Indoor limit capacity to 50% of stated fire capacity
- Limit the number of people in the space so that groups can stay 6 feet apart.
- Restaurants must have all customers wear face coverings when not at their table.