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On May 13, 2021, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) posted new guidelines for people who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. “Fully vaccinated” means that two weeks have passed since the final dose was received.



The Diocese of Davenport’s new COVID-19 protocols, based on CDC guidelines, **begin on Pentecost weekend (May 22-23).**

Protocols for Celebrating the Mass

- ✚ The baptismal font may be used.
- ✚ Bulletins may be used; please take them home rather than leaving for reuse.
- ✚ Financial offerings will continue to be placed in baskets throughout the church.
- ✚ Processions may be reinstated.
- ✚ Congregational singing is permitted—and encouraged. *Sing out, SJV!* 😊
- ✚ Multiple readers are permitted.
- ✚ The Sign of Peace may be exchanged within households; a wave or bow to other households is preferred.
- ✚ Communion remains under the form of bread only.
- ✚ Communion may be received on the tongue, regardless of vaccination status.
 - *Those not fully vaccinated who wish to receive on the tongue must present themselves at the end of the communion line.*
- ✚ Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks.
- ✚ Those who are not fully vaccinated are still required to wear masks.
- ✚ The church will remain marked for social distance so that all will be comfortable in the space.



The CDC, in their May 13, 2021, announcement, continues to emphasize the important ways to “Slow the Spread” of COVID-19 for those who are not yet vaccinated:

- ✓ *Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.*
- ✓ *Stay six feet apart from others who don’t live with you.*
- ✓ *Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you.*
- ✓ *Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.*
- ✓ *Wash your hands often with soap and water; use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren’t available.*

A pastoral note:

SJV will not violate your privacy by asking your vaccination status. We trust that all will make informed decisions about masking for the health and safety of themselves and others. Some who are vaccinated may still wish to wear a mask. We respect everyone’s choices with charity and understanding.