

# **FOOD SERVING AND PREPARING**

The Church of St. Genevieve is committed to providing a safe and healthy place for all of our parishioners. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 and other viruses in our parish and that requires the full cooperation of everyone. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of everyone.

Our Food Serving and Preparing Plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines.

## **Only Healthy People at Events**

- We encourage you to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of illness. Stay at home if you feel sick or have a fever or if you have a sick family member in your home.
- If you have tested positive for Covid-19, stay home five days after fever is gone and symptoms improve. Serve again after testing negative for Covid-19.
- If you are exposed to someone who tested positive (15 cumulative minutes within 6 feet of that person) and are not up-to-date with Covid-19 vaccines, stay home for 5 days and get tested 5 days after your last close contact with infected person. Wear a mask around others for 10 full days.
- If you are exposed to someone who tested positive (15 cumulative minutes within 6 feet of that person) and are up-to-date with Covid-19 vaccines, get tested 5 days after your last close contact with infected person. Wear a mask around others for 10 full days.
- If you are exposed to someone who tested positive (15 cumulative minutes with 6 feet of that infected person) and you tested positive for Covid-19 using a viral test in the past 90 days, wear a mask around others for 10 full days.

## **Protect Yourself – Personal Sanitation**

- Wash your hands thoroughly and often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Signs will be posted reminding of proper hand-washing techniques
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and mask. If you do touch your eyes, nose, mouth or mask, wash your hands and change your gloves.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Wash your hands and change your gloves.
- Wearing masks is recommended for volunteers, but not required.

## **Preparing Food**

- Follow food safety protocol when working in the kitchen. See Cooking Safely for a Crowd: <https://extension.umn.edu/preserving-and-preparing/cooking-safely-crowd>
- Food may be made at home and brought to the church property to serve to guests.

We thank you for your cooperation with these important safety steps to protect you, your friends, your families and our guests.