

POLICY FOR CLOSING DOWN INDOOR SERVICES

The decision to close indoor/in person services is made by the rector in conversation with the wardens. It is to be done on an emergency basis without Vestry approval. However, the Vestry will be notified that it has occurred and will be kept up to date.

The following criteria are to be considered relevant:

- A parish member who has been in the building reports a positive Covid test.
- Any outside group reports an incidence of Covid or exposure to Covid.
- Reports and recommendations from the Governor's office, the CDC, and the ECCT pertaining to positivity rates.
- Mask Mandate in the state and in Hartford County and Wethersfield.

If any of these occur and the decision is to close, the following will occur:

- Building will be closed to all church services and all groups for a 14-day quarantine period.
- An e-mail blast will go out immediately to inform the parish of the occurrence with recommendations.
- Privacy of the Covid positive person must be maintained.
- The school program, renting the downstairs, will be notified and consulted concerning their protocols and whether they choose to remain open.
- The Tri-Town Health Officer will be notified and provided with the names and phone numbers of everyone who has been in the building for contact tracing.
- The Diocese and the insurance company will be informed.

At the end of the quarantine period, if no more cases occur, the rector, in conversation with the wardens, will determine whether to reopen for indoor/in person services.

Implementation of the modified ECCT 2-out-of-3 recommendation (vaccination, mask wearing, social distancing) will be considered.

If the State mandate for safety puts any towns where parish members reside in the red zone, parish members are asked to decide for themselves if they should attend indoor functions. With the high percentage of fully vaccinated members in the congregation, individuals may assess their individual risk of contracting Covid. The rector, wardens and vestry expect and trust that all unvaccinated persons attend any function will remember and respect the most at risk among us and follow the ECCT 2-out-of-3 rule.

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