

ARCHDIOCESE DIRECTIVE

“The issue of wearing facial coverings has become a polarizing one, but we need to restate that you are to encourage as strongly as possible the wearing of facial coverings.” – Metropolitan Joseph, June 26, 2020

WEAR MASKS AT CHURCH

St. George’s new policy is to **“Love One Another by Wearing A Mask”** during **Liturgy**.

- Wear mask in communion line; **pull down only briefly to receive Holy Communion**.
- Masks provided for those who forget.
- For your comfort and protection, Parish Council members and volunteers will help remind all to wear masks.

JOIN US ONLINE

If you are uncomfortable or cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, **please stay safe at home** while joining us livestream at:

- www.facebook.com/StGeorgeOrthodoxChurchAllentown
- www.stgeorgeallentown.com

Need help but can’t attend service? Please call the office at (610) 439-1232.

Are you showing love for others as you love yourself?

Our state’s directive is to wear masks in public as there’s vast evidence it’s the most effective way to reduce risk of spreading COVID-19. We understand some may still feel strongly against it.

As Christians, let’s take a spiritual approach to the evidence together: if it’s wrong, all we have to lose by wearing a mask is some personal comfort. However, if it’s right, **not wearing a mask could harm or cause the death of another human being.**

...As God loves us and teaches us to love one another, we at St. George will not take such risks on a physical or spiritual level.



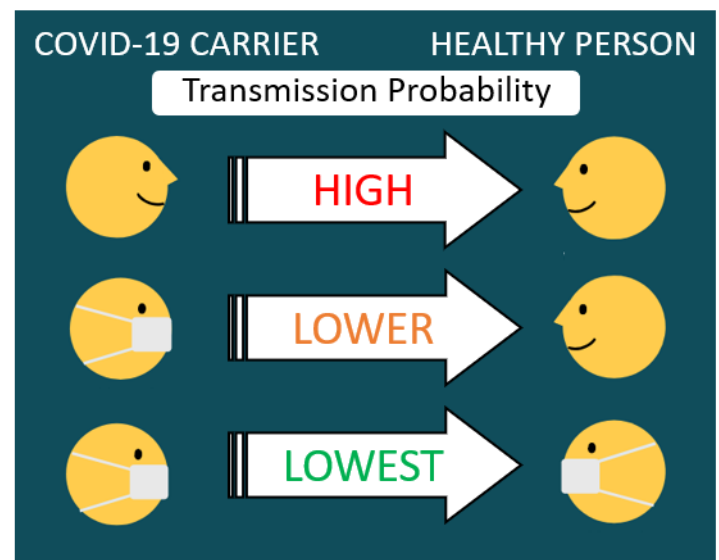
If we’re practicing social distancing, do we still need to wear masks?

Yes.

Why?

Evidence shows:

- Droplets and aerosols can come out of someone’s mouth just by talking.
- **Masks can catch those droplets and even some aerosols.**
- It’s contagious before symptoms set in (not known early on) and many infected people may never show symptoms at all.



For the most effective type of face coverings and more, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/