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RE: Guidelines on Re-Gathering for Worship

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Dear Parishioners of St Peter's

Below are the guidelines submitted and approved by the Bishops office for our regathering.

Please read them carefully and if you have any questions call the office or me.

1. There will be one service 10am morning prayer until further notice.
2. Tracking of those in attendance will be documented at each service via names logged and picture taken and dated.
3. Gloves and masks are available in the Narthex if needed
4. Signage with CDC and VDH standards have been posted.
5. People will be stationed to ensure that everyone enters the Sanctuary from the Narthex and Exits through the Parish hall with ushers posted to maintain social distancing. Ushers will release congregation one pew at a time to ensure social distancing.
6. All must wear masks. The people who decline to wear a mask for health reasons will be seated at a designated place at the back of the church, away from the congregation in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
7. Pews have been marked showing where people may sit. Every other pew has been blocked off. Crosses also mark where people may stand or walk, in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
8. All books have been removed to include Prayer Books, Bibles, Hymnals and Songbooks. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own Prayer Book each week and take them home. There will be no prayer books available at church. If you need a prayer book contact the office and one will be provided. You can download the prayer book to your phone or iPad and use that.
9. The cushions, pillows and cloth kneelers have been removed.
10. Hand sanitizer has been placed at the entrance to church, and the exit.
11. The alms basin will be placed at the bottom of the steps for the offering. People will be asked to place their offering in the plate as they leave. A Blessing will be at the end of the service.

12. There will be no congregational, solo, or small group singing, our organist Elizabeth will play a prelude and postlude and a classical offering during the intercessory prayer but no hymns.
13. There will be no physical passing of the peace.
14. Signs have been placed outside directing people to entry and exit doors.
15. Exit door will be left open until everyone has exited the building.
16. Signs posted on restrooms "one person only" and "clean up after each use".
17. People waiting to use the bathroom will line up in the hallway on pre-marked spots 6 feet apart.
18. Church will be professionally sanitized before the first service.
19. The Sexton will clean and sanitize after each service using approved methods and procedures as per CDC.
20. If gloves are to be used, a wastebasket will be placed in the vestibule for disposal.
21. A sign will be placed on the front door stating that if anyone has had a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or has been exposed to the virus in the prior 14 days, please remain at home.
22. A sign asking people to wear a mask will be on the front door. If they do not have one, we will provide.
23. A "No Entry" sign will be placed on the kitchen door.
24. There will be no Eucharist until further notice.
25. Morning Prayer will continue to be live streamed every Sunday, at 10AM.
26. No gathering in the parish hall, and no coffee hour. The ushers will be guiding people out, through the parish hall door.
27. No children, youth, or adult Christian formation, Bible study, nursery or Intercessory Prayer. Any Christian formation will be through virtual means.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Bruce Comfort
Senior Warden