

**Please Note: St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland has implemented the following protocols and precautionary measures during COVID-19:**

**Protocols:**

- If you are sick, we ask that you do not enter the building but come back only after you have been feeling better.
- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, please do not enter the building until after at least 14 days from your diagnosis and you are symptom-free. If you have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not enter the building until after 14 days from your exposure and have been symptom-free.
- Masks are required to enter. Masks must cover your nose and mouth and be worn at all times.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet is required.
- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently. Use the hand sanitizing stations provided or soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Limit two people in the bathroom at a time to promote social distancing.
- Please see the St. John's Preschool website for the protocols implemented this year in the preschool spaces of the building at [stjohnspreschoolonline.com](http://stjohnspreschoolonline.com).

**Precautionary Measures:**

- A worship stream on Sunday mornings has been established to allow everyone the opportunity to worship safely from home with St. John's of Highland.
- A Saturday outdoor worship service was created to allow people to gather in person for worship with safety measures in place, including the marking off of 10 foot squares that are 6 feet apart for folks to find a place to set up their own lawn chair with others they are isolating with, the wearing of masks, and refraining from singing.

- A bookapew site was established to manage the number of people attending in-person worship, and to allow for easier contact tracing if needed.
- A Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization System has been installed to help clean the air during and in-between building use. Masks and social distancing will still be required as it does not work instantaneously, but it will add another level of cleaning in an effort to make the use of our building safer.
- Hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the building to help with minimizing the spread of germs.
- Signs have been displayed throughout the building to make our policies known and to remind people as they utilize the building.
- Pews will be marked off to promote social distancing in the sanctuary.
- Communion practices have been altered to make the sacrament as contact free as possible.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned after each worship service. Bathrooms, door handles, and other high traffic areas will be cleaned regularly as well.
- Building use is limited at this time to manage the cleaning of the facility. As the pandemic continues, the church council will determine the level of use in relation to the public guidelines recommended/stipulated.
- Please see the St. John's Preschool website for the precautionary measures being taken this year in the preschool spaces of the building at [stjohnspreschoolonline.com](http://stjohnspreschoolonline.com).
- CDC, ELCA, and Allegheny County guidelines will be monitored and observed in order to promote the health and safety of all.

Please note: While we have implemented these protocols and precautionary measures in an effort to promote the health and safety of all, there is no guarantee of complete health and safety if you come to the campus of St. John's of Highland.

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we seek to keep everyone safe and care for each other in these days.**