

## ***Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood – Update to COVID parish guidelines 7/1/2021***

Sunday and Tuesday morning Holy Eucharist and other worship services.

This summer there is one Sunday Service at 10 a.m. The 8 a.m. service will resume on August 29, 2021.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. The first Tuesday of each month will include a service of healing.

Online offerings will continue live on Facebook and on-demand through the Grace website ([www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org))

Worshippers are required to wear a facemask when entering the facility. You must sign in on the sheet provided on the table in the narthex. (We are still keeping a list for CDC Contact Tracing).

- The nave's Gospel (left) side will remain 6' social distancing, with every other pew closed.
  - Masks will be mandatory. All unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people will sit on this side.
  - Those fully vaccinated who prefer to remain masked and 6' social distanced will also use this side.
- The nave's Epistle (right) side will have 3' social distancing, with every pew available.
  - Masks will be optional. Only fully vaccinated people may sit on this side.

Congregational singing is allowed as long as you wear a mask.

All of our staff, including both clergy, are fully vaccinated, as is our choir and altar party.

Around the altar, social distancing will remain the same 6'-15', but masks will be optional. The exception is that clergy will be masked when distributing communion as we can come into proximity to the un/partially vaccinated. We will continue our practice of 6' distancing for those coming forward to receive communion (the body of Christ only) and continue using hand sanitizer.

Our baptismal font is filled. The font filters the water with UV light and a paper filter.

Our Coffee Hour will continue with all food and beverages behind a Plexiglas screen. Only two assigned servers who are masked and gloved will serve the food and drink. Each person must observe social distancing in the Parish Hall. Masks are required for Un/partially vaccinated persons.

Our building will remain locked during the week, with our current Ring Doorbell system in use. As all of our staff are fully vaccinated, masks will be optional for them. All others, vendors, maintenance, etc., will remain with face coverings mandatory.

Since March of 2020, Grace has met and exceeded guidelines and requirements of all government authorities from the Federal CDC, State of Missouri, St. Louis County, and the City of Kirkwood. We have installed an HVAC Bi-Polar Ionization filtration system in our nave and pre-school (reduces SARS-CoV-2 by 99.4%); the same system hospitals and schools are now installing. Our new parish guidelines (based on science) meet or exceed all government guidelines and requirements.