



Lake Nokomis
Lutheran Church

COVID-19 safety guidelines

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COVID-19 numbers are going up across the United States. On Tuesday, Nov. 10 Governor Walz shared that Minnesota's positivity rate has increased to 14.4% when our goal is to be under 5%. And now we're reporting record numbers of both cases and deaths.

Based on this latest information, **we're moving the Thanksgiving and Christmas Faith Walks to outside only**, and limiting attendance at funerals and baptisms to 10 people. The building continues to be closed except for essential church business – which should be rare and scheduled through the office. The office is open to scheduled staff only.

In the church building the following safety precautions **remain in effect**:

- **The building remains closed** to meetings and gatherings – including the courtyard.
- **Staff will continue to limit hours worked in the building**, staggering times whenever possible.
- If you have an essential need related to the church and need to be in the building, **schedule your visit through Sue Hamre, office@lakenokomis.org**.
- Use **one of two entrances: the office door (door #4), and Keewaydin/Sacristy door (door #1)**.
- Use the sanitizers and masks provided if you do not have your own.
- Sign in and out at the entrance to the door. Staff must keep a log of their time in the building. *This is especially important as the school side of the building has reopened to teachers and staff and students are scheduled to return on a hybrid plan on September 14.*
- **Face masks must be worn by everyone while in the building**, except for staff in their private office spaces.

Reminder to our church family: These Guidelines are updated in accordance with State of MN Dept. of Health guidelines and trends in cases and testing – as often as the data change, we will adjust the protocols as necessary. It is extremely difficult for all of us to have to stay away from our loved ones, and our church family and friends. We continue to prepare for the time when we can be together in person for worship and fellowship and to support our ministries. As it becomes safer to gather, we are preparing to have protocols in place to do so. We remain consistent in our commitment to caring for one another.

The COVID-19 Task Force includes Barb Tauferner, William Awe, Jodi Gustafson, Sue Hamre, and Erica Larson.