

Dear OLGC Community,

As you are aware, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended that <u>fully vaccinated</u> people (2 weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine) no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Virginia Governor Northam's Executive Order has been amended to follow the CDC, and on May 28, 2021, will end physical distancing and capacity limits. When we entered the pandemic, we did so following the recommendations of the CDC, the Commonwealth, and the Diocese. Since we are a Diocesan parish, we will continue to follow the Diocesan protocols until we receive updated information and changes.

Practically that means OLGC Church will continue with our current COVID mitigation guidelines until further notice. We will still require all parishioners, staff, faculty, students, and visitors to wear masks and maintain social distancing, even if fully vaccinated while on the OLGC Campus. OLGC School will continue with its current COVID mitigation guidelines through the remainder of this school year, June 10, 2021.

On consultation with our COVID Task Force and Health and Safety Committee, we will phase in any new recommendations. This phased approach will allow the OLGC Community time to prepare for us to move forward.

We prefer to remain cautious and keep our community safe and healthy as there are still risks for all. While many members of our community are vaccinated, not everyone is willing or eligible for vaccination (children up to 12 yrs. old and those with medical conditions), and it is not something that we can require.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, flexibility, compassion, commitment, and charity to the well-being of all in the community as we are "Stronger Together in Christ".

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