

Modified Phase 5 Update announcement:

The following guidelines are effective with the start of Restore Illinois Phase 5 beginning June 11, 2021, for all Archdiocesan locations unless otherwise noted:



Capacity

All capacity restrictions are lifted.

Masses, liturgies, sacramental celebrations, parish/school events and all offices may resume 100% capacity.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing is **NOT** required for **vaccinated** persons.

Physical distancing is **recommended** by public health authorities, when possible, for **unvaccinated** persons if conditions allow up to 6 ft. of separation.

Masks

- Masks are **NOT** required for **vaccinated** persons.
- Masks are **recommended** by public health authorities for **unvaccinated** indoors, particularly in crowded venues.

Hand Sanitizing

- Hand sanitizer **will** remain prominently available at the church entrance and at the head of the communion lines.

Masses and Liturgies

- Sign-in no longer required.
- Proof of vaccination is **not** required for attendance at any liturgies or services.
- Choirs, congregational signing, oral responses, use of worship aids, envelopes and bulletins will be fully resumed.
- The Sign of Peace may be offered as each person is comfortable.
- Reception of Holy Communion:
- Receiving in the hand no longer requires extra hand sanitizing on the part of the Communicant. However, the priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to sanitize their hands prior to distributing Communion.
- Holy Communion can be received on the tongue; however, Extraordinary Ministers will need to use hand sanitizer **each time** after distributing on the tongue.
- Holy Communion from the cup remains suspended at this time.

Social gatherings

- All social gatherings (potlucks, office luncheons, parish picnics, carnivals, etc.) may resume while incorporating the guidance on masks and physical distancing noted here.

Again, we thank everyone for your patience, and we thank those who have served our community amidst year-long protocols and guidelines.

Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic globally and the grace to move forward in solidarity and charity with our sisters and brothers around the world, down the street and next door in a renewed way.

Peace,
COVID-19 Task Force of the Archdiocese of Chicago