

Frequently Asked Questions (updated 1/15/22)

In-Person Events at the Episcopal House of Prayer (EHoP) During Covid-19 Pandemic

- **Will I need to be vaccinated to participate in an overnight retreat or EHoP event?**
 - For the foreseeable future, we are requiring that overnight retreatants be fully vaccinated in order to register. “Fully vaccinated” means having had all the required doses of a vaccine (either one or two doses, depending upon the product) and a minimum of two weeks between the last dose and the start of the retreat. EHoP strongly recommends a third booster as well. Registration for a retreat will not be considered complete until a record of vaccination has been received.
 - For shorter events hosted at EHoP, guests do not need to be fully vaccinated, as long as other guidelines are followed such as, masking and distancing when indoors and in mixed groups.
- **How do I provide proof of vaccination at time of registration for overnight retreats?**
 - You may provide proof of being fully vaccinated by taking a picture of the COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card you received from the vaccinating provider, and sending it via email to houseprayer@csbsju.edu. Vaccination records will be collected for every registration.
 - Once received, the record of your vaccination will be deleted. It will not be stored or filed. This means any subsequent registration would require that the proof of vaccination be re-submitted.
- **Is the policy the same for rental groups as for EHoP-sponsored events?** We strongly recommend that rental groups follow EHoP policy.
- **What is the EHoP policy on testing?**
 - EHoP will not require testing before attending events, though it is highly recommended.
- **What is the EHoP policy on masking?**
 - Short events (1-8 hours), we request that all persons wear masks while indoors, except eating.
 - Overnight guests also need to wear masks while indoors, except while eating.
 - While outdoors, fully vaccinated persons do not need masks, unless they choose. We request that unvaccinated persons wear masks while outdoors if social distancing is not possible.
- **Will I have to practice social distancing?**
 - We request that mixed groups practice social distancing indoors.
 - We request that unvaccinated guests practice social distancing indoors and outdoors.
- **Is the EHoP policy and protocol consistent with other mandated guidelines?**
 - Yes, we believe this policy is consistent with the Episcopal Church of Minnesota (ECMN).
 - We believe this policy is consistent with CDC and MDH guidance, erring on the side of caution.
- **Will I be asked to room with someone else?**
 - No, only two people from the same household will share a double room.
 - In-person retreats will be limited to twelve participants, or one person per room.
- **How often will this policy and protocol be updated?**
 - EHoP leadership will review the policy and protocol before each scheduled event hosted at EHoP, referencing local, state, and federal guidelines.
 - While we recognize that aspects of this policy and protocol are less than ideal, we are committed to keeping our guests reasonably safe. We expect restrictions to loosen and tighten over time.
- **Does this policy and protocol prevent all risk of contracting Covid-19?**
 - While we practice an abundance of caution with this protocol, there is no way to reduce all risk of contracting COVID-19. We recommend that all highly vulnerable persons exercise their own judgment when determining whether to participate.
 - We recognize that guests will arrive with various and diverse perspectives on their own perceived level of risk and on appropriate levels of preventive practices. Despite this diversity, we ask all guests to minimally respect the policy and protocol established by EHoP.