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Dear St. John Church Family and Friends,

I pray this correspondence finds you and your family well!

Here is our latest update concerning how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting us. As the Coronavirus continues to unfold, we are constantly seeking the Lord for wisdom and direction for the health and safety of our worshiping community. Our Security Ministry Director met with Nueces County Health officials to discuss how we should move forward with the latest CDC guidelines of fully vaccinated people resuming activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. Our Security Ministry Director briefed our Leadership Team, and we have decided to follow the CDC guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus.

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by the use of hospital beds, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Currently, Nueces County is at the Medium Community Level, and Corpus Christi is at the Low Community Level. Based on these Community Levels in our area, St. John's COVID-19 protocols, effective Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, are:

1. The wearing of masks for fully vaccinated persons is optional. However, if you are at high risk for severe illness, are immunocompromised, or are not fully vaccinated, you should wear a mask.
2. St. John will perform temperature checks. Persons with temperatures above 99 degrees will not be permitted in the building.
3. Physical distancing is not required, meaning open seating in the sanctuary.

These protocols are for the safety of all persons, especially those with compromised immune systems and the unvaccinated. **Note:** Our protocols will be adjusted accordingly as the Community Levels of transmission change.

- Online Worship Service will continue as an option for those persons not comfortable attending in-person worship.
- We are developing a system where Small Groups, Bible Study, and other ministry meetings can be attended simultaneously, both in person and virtually. However, for now, these ministries will continue to be offered VIRTUALLY ONLY.

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Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

1. **Do I have to be vaccinated to attend services in person?**

Vaccinations are not required to attend services in person. However, attendees must adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Therefore, we highly encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

2. **Are ministries able to meet in person now?**

Ministries will continue to meet virtually until further notice.

3. **Will Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer be open for in-person attendance?**

Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer will remain 100% virtual until further notice.

4. **Where will the Sunday Small Group classes now meet?**

Small-Group classes will continue to meet virtually on Zoom until further notice.

5. **Is registration required to attend in-person services?**

Registration is not required to attend services in person.

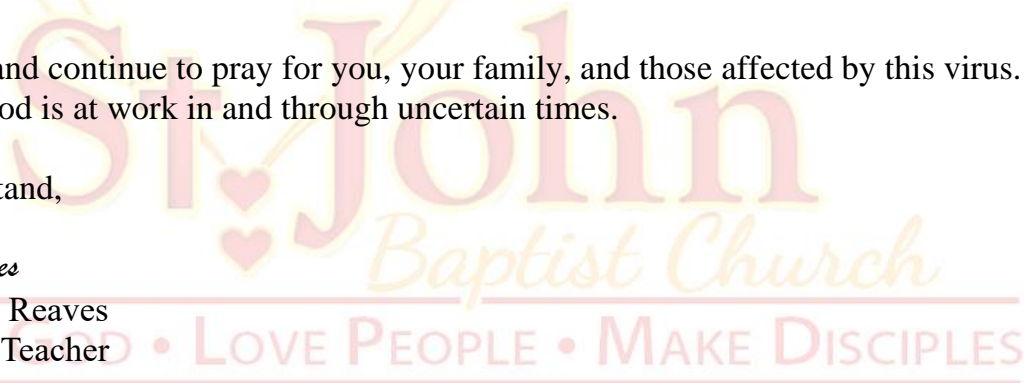
Would you mind updating your contact information at <https://stjohnbc.org/about-us/contact-us/> and help me pass the word to all our members and friends? Again, we highly encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

We love you and continue to pray for you, your family, and those affected by this virus. Remember, God is at work in and through uncertain times.

Kneeling to Stand,

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