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## COVID PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

*A Reminder on the Protocols, as set forth by Session  
(essentially the Church's "Board of Directors")*

With ongoing expansion and availability of vaccines, there is so much to be grateful for as we continue to emerge from the pandemic. We look forward to welcoming back our older children into LAPC's sacred spaces. We hope for a safe, approved vaccination very soon for our youngest among us. We celebrate the opportunity to continue to worship together, be it in person or online.

**And yet, dear friends, there is still work to be done.** In loving our neighbor, in continuing our holy call to keep one another safe, we invite you to review carefully the essential protocols and procedures set forth by Session as we enter the season of Advent:

- Evidence of vaccination status must be provided upon entry, with no exceptions
- Masks are to be worn properly at all times
- Avoid physical contact and maintain space between you and others
- The morning's preacher, liturgists, and choir will unmask only when actively speaking or singing

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In order to conduct appropriate contact tracing, [we continue to ask that you register](#) for any in-person service you plan to attend. To view our full in-person worship guidelines or sign up to worship in person, please click [here](#). With any questions or concerns, please email [info@lapcbrooklyn.org](mailto:info@lapcbrooklyn.org).

## Here is what to expect:

The doors to the church facing Lafayette Avenue will be used to enter and exit. We strongly encourage early arrival to avoid long waits and congestion by the entrance. Upon arrival, an usher will verify your Proof of Vaccination document.

Same household members will be allowed to sit together while others will be seated 6 feet apart on pre-marked locations and required to limit their mobility until the end of the service, except for bathroom usage.

## Face coverings are expected at all times.

There will be **Hand sanitizers** and **extra disposable masks** by the church entrance. Some **pre-printed Worship Bulletins** will be available at the entrance table for those who could not print or download it on their device. **Passing of the Peace** should be without contact (eg. Hand wave, smile, bow, sign of acknowledgement, etc.).

There will be **no hymnals in the pews**; however, congregants may sing along with masks on. [Offerings can be done online](#) or by placing your envelope in a basket held by an usher in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary. **No re-entry will be allowed** once exited.

Should you experience any COVID-19 symptoms, or confirm to have been in contact with anyone who tested positive for Covid within 10 days of attending in-person service, please inform [the church administration immediately](#). Similarly, you will be informed by the Church of any incidence of this kind reported by anyone who attended service on the same Sunday as you.

Thank you.