



Report from the Re-Gathering Taskforce

•Phase 1: Current Status

In light of the growing concerns around COVID-19, beginning on March 15, 2020, Cathedral Church cancelled its in-person worship services and all in-person gatherings. We continue to worship our Lord through Sunday worship, evening prayer, formation classes, Cathedral Kids, and other offerings online via YouTube on the [Your.Cathedral](#) channel.

Currently, small groups of less than 10 people are allowed to meet in the Cathedral courtyard at their own discretion. Groups choosing to meet in the courtyard need to bring their own chairs, and are strongly advised to wear masks and maintain appropriate social distancing of six feet. If there is inclement weather, groups may meet inside Wellbrock Hall; however, they are responsible for cleanup, including disinfecting chairs and the area that they were using.

•When can we begin Phase 2?

In order to care for our neighbors, including medical workers, other essential workers and first responders, and the vulnerable among us, we want to be sure that our church is a positive influence in our community.

To that end, in order to begin Phase 2, we will wait until we observe a 14-day plateau or decline in the average number of new positive test results for our Tri-County area, or the state of South Carolina. We will also consider other factors, such as hospital capacity and overall virus incidence, in our decision, and we will need to have adequate supplies and volunteers available to sustain operations.

We will continue to monitor these criteria as we move forward, and we may need to go back to an online-only model if trends reverse.



•What will worship look like in Phase 2?

We have developed these guidelines based on recommendations from the diocese, the CDC, local, and state governments, to reduce the risk of virus transmission through close physical contact and aerosols. Following these guidelines is mandatory.

In Phase 2, we will worship outside in the Cathedral Courtyard. We will follow a service of Morning Prayer, and there will be no singing or Holy Communion at first.

Online worship will continue to be offered for those who cannot or do not feel comfortable worshipping in person. Christian formation and Cathedral Kids will continue online indefinitely as well.

•Community Expectations:

Do not come to church if you feel ill, have a fever, or have recently come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. All are welcome at church; however we ask that people who have chronic conditions, are elderly, or live with someone at a higher risk of complications would consult with a doctor before attending. We also ask that parents consider how they will help their children practice social distancing.

- Masks must be worn from the entry gates onward for those over 2 years old; please bring your own mask. A few masks will be available for visitors or those unaware of the requirement.
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained outside of family units at all times.
- Please bring your own chairs if at all possible; a few chairs will be provided for visitors or those unable to bring their own.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers, who will help us all maintain appropriate social distancing.
- Restrooms will be available, but limited to one family unit at a time. There will be no other access to the facility.
- There will also be no access to the playground or nursery.



- Please bring your own water bottle and your own Bible!
- We may ask you to respond in advance if you will attend for planning purposes.
- There will be hand sanitizing stations available; please use them upon arrival, departure, and use of restroom facilities.
- Please keep in mind the spirit of these guidelines and avoid gathering/ socializing too closely on the sidewalks or parking lots.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you may return to church if it has been at least 14 days from the onset of your symptoms or positive test result, at least 3 days fever-free, and your respiratory symptoms are improved.

We appreciate your help with following these requirements to keep us all safe. When we're confident we can work together to maintain a safe environment, we will move to Phase 3 (worship in the Cathedral sanctuary), in a similar manner.