



GUIDANCE FOR GATHERINGS/MEETINGS UPDATE

Effective Thursday, March 3, 2022, the use of masks will be made optional for all people at all gatherings and meetings that take place on parish grounds. Those who have a condition or take medications that weaken the immune system are encouraged to continue to utilize a mask as an extra precaution. All people eligible for vaccination should seek it as soon as possible.

The Directives and Guidelines below also remain in effect for all gatherings/meetings outside of the public celebration of liturgy (see for Directives and Guidelines for the Resumption of Masses and other Liturgies during COVID-19) in the Catholic Diocese of Lexington until further notice.

Diocesan COVID-19 directives that remain in place include the following:

- Gatherings/Meetings during the course of regular parish business must abide by that parish's Healthy at Work guidance (see <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work> for minimum requirements mandated by the state of Kentucky).
- All Groups must:
 - Communicate to individuals to stay home if sick and not attend a group event;
 - Screen and exclude persons with fever, symptoms of COVID-19, and/or direct exposure to COVID-19;
 - Encourage group members with a condition or who take medication(s) that weaken the immune system to consult with a healthcare provider in terms of taking any necessary precautions prior to attending gatherings/meetings; and
 - Serve individually packaged meals, designated-server catered meals, or designated-server potlucks. Servers are **required to mask**. Please note that the food should be protected from people in line or everyone should wear a mask while in a food line for catered meals and potlucks.