

Prince of Peace, La Crescent
Covid Risk mitigation practices, updated May 19, 2022 by the Prince of Peace Council

Prince of Peace utilized the CDC risk level for Houston County MN and considers CDC and other public health department recommendations in implementing Covid risk mitigation practices.

The most up to date CDC risk level is available at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

At all risk levels:

- PoP will utilize the upgraded ventilation
- PoP will provide outdoor fellowship or worship opportunities occasionally as feasible
- PoP will continue to provide masks and sanitizer stations for all
- PoP will offer regular worship videos via YouTube and Facebook
- We will respect the differing risk tolerance levels that people have and not shame anyone for choosing more or less risk for themselves. Therefore, when levels allow loosening group precautions, we will continue to offer more covid-cautious options for those who prefer them. (For example, if communion is served at the rail, offer the option of self-serve from seats. If a meal is served, offer outdoor seating and/or take-away.)

At low risk level, as defined by the CDC:

- PoP recommends masking, but it is not required.
- Physical distancing is not mandatory. All pew barricades are removed.
- Masks are not required for singing
- Use of PoP facilities by outside groups are allowed, including meals.

At medium risk, as defined by the CDC:

- PoP will recommend masking
- PoP will encourage physical distancing
- When the congregation is singing, masks will be required of those who sing*
- Use of PoP facilities by outside groups are allowed, including meals. We recommend that those who prepare and serve food are masked.

At High Risk levels, as defined by the CDC:

- In accordance with CDC recommendation, PoP will require universal masking
 - Exceptions - a staff member working alone, Peli students
- Congregational singing will be paused
- Physical distancing recommended, including closing every other pew
- Communal meals, including community meals, will be paused

*Rational for masked singing at medium risk level

1. High value of protecting the vulnerable
2. Some congregants identify as high risk
3. 4 staff members identify as higher risk
4. Legal and moral obligation to provide a safer work environment, worship environment.

These practices are reviewed monthly by the Prince of Peace Council.