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Dear Members in Christ,

COVID has disrupted all of our lives and remains a challenge to our community. We at Saint Matthews have always tried to balance the need to keep our faithful safe, while working towards normalization of our spiritual and social interaction within the parish.

The following will summarize the current process for attending services:

- **Masks are Optional** for all services; however, we strongly recommend the following:
 - If you do not feel well, please do not come to church
 - If you are Unvaccinated, the CDC recommends that a mask is worn while indoors
 - If you have any other health concerns, please continue to wear a mask
 - If you feel uncomfortable in any other ways, please continue to wear a mask
- **We will host Coffee Hour**. We encourage a simple coffee hour to include coffee with **grab & go** snacks. Kitchen usage should be limited for food prep and re-heating.
- We will continue the existing safety measures such as separate spoons for Communion, tongs for Prosfora.
- We will continue to **Live-stream services** and, on request, will offer a “drive by” Communion & Blessing for those that are elderly or immune compromised or otherwise unable to attend “in-person services. Please contact Fr Constantine if you would like to receive communion in this manner.
- We will continue with Sunday School starting on September 11th.

We also understand that some members will still be uncomfortable with the current guidelines and ask that all Members be respectful of these concerns.

We appreciate your continued understanding and prayers.