

Weddings During COVID-19 at NCC:

Weddings will be allowed, so long as all of those in attendance agree to maintain the CDC and ISDH recommendations at the time of the wedding. These may include limits on numbers in attendance, as well as masks, distancing, and other recommendations.

We will provide the couple, wedding party, and family a copy of our current COVID-19 policy and ask them to distribute it to other guests. Wedding invitations and other communications should include masking and distancing instructions.

Persons who are not feeling well or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend.

The couple should be encouraged to provide an online viewing option for those who are sick/not able to attend for another reason. We can allow use of our equipment for that purpose. Livestreaming to Facebook is easy with a smartphone, as well.

Ushers will take care to seat folks at a proper distance. Families from the same household can sit together. Every other pew will be marked off with painter's tape (Xs on the floor or on pews). Once inside, folks should stay in their assigned place and not mingle or visit with others.

No bulletins or programs will be passed out. Programs can be set out on the pews 24 hours in advance. No guest book will be used at the church – couples should use an electronic way of capturing a list of their guests, or use guest book at reception site.

No special music by vocalists or wind/brass instrumentalists. Keyboardists and strings only (with approval by our Music Director).

Ushers dismiss attendees, household by household. They do not dismiss anyone else until Narthex is cleared. No gathering in the Narthex before or after ceremony.

The couple will go outside to greet guests as they depart, from a safe distance. Alternatively, the couple may proceed to the location of the reception to greet guests there.

Only one person (or household) in the restroom at a time. There will be signs on the doors and Xs on floors for people waiting.

We will not host any receptions during this time.

During the ceremony, the wedding party does not need to wear masks, but should maintain 6-foot physical distance (except for couple).

We recommend official wedding pictures be taken outside or at reception site. If pictures are taken inside the church, the wedding party and family should be masked when they are not the subject of pictures. Masks can be removed for pictures, but please keep speaking at a minimum while pictures are being taken. Photographer(s) should remain masked.

Masks will be required during wedding rehearsal.