

COVID-19 Reopening Plan Guidelines

Food & Drink Policy

Purpose: This written policy will provide updated information and replace the current guidelines which state, *“Food will still not be allowed to be consumed inside at group meetings. People may bring their own coffee and other beverages. The drinking fountains will continue to be available for water bottle refill... Food may be available at outside gatherings.”* A purpose of these policies is to establish safeguards.

Revised Policy: St. Mark's is ready to begin to allow groups to include food and beverages as part of regular programming inside the building. Food and beverage consumption has been allowed outside the building throughout the pandemic. These revised policies are intended to provide a broad framework and structure. People who are not fully vaccinated are still encouraged to wear masks.

I. Non-Sunday Morning Socials, Events & Meetings (e.g., weekdays, evenings, Saturdays, etc.)

- Group gatherings will be allowed to have food/drink as a part of programming. Food and drink should be used for fellowship purposes rather than simply “left out” indefinitely for members to graze.
- Food must be in individually packaged items and/or served to group members with servers wearing gloves to distribute food items. Whether prepared on-site or brought into the building, attendees should not self-serve family style or from a buffet line.
- Since masks will need to be removed for eating and drinking, all food service and consumption must be in designated rooms/spaces. No food or drink to be consumed in common areas (e.g., hallways, café).
- Until children ages 2-12 are able to be vaccinated, social distancing protocols must continue. Children and adults consuming food/beverages together must be 6' from one another while eating and/or drinking.

II. Sunday Morning Socials, Events, & Meetings

- Sunday morning fellowship will also be allowed to begin food/drink service to encourage fellowship and conversation before, after, and between services.
- Food must be in individually packaged items and/or served to group members with servers wearing gloves to distribute food items. Whether prepared on-site or brought into the building, attendees should not self-serve family style or from a buffet line.
- Since masks will need to be removed for eating and drinking, all food service and consumption must be in designated rooms/spaces (for e.g., outside or in Wesley Hall). No food or drink to be consumed in common areas (e.g., hallways, café).
- Until children ages 2-12 are able to be vaccinated, social distancing protocols must continue. Children and adults consuming food/beverages together must be 6' from one another while eating and/or drinking.