

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of New  
York Mills

Updated Guidelines For  
Church Services as of  
9/5/2020:

In response to the MN Dept of Health (MDH) Guideline for Safely Reopening churches per Gov Walz Executive order the board has met and developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness plan.

This plan is based on the recommendations from MN Dept of Health Guidelines ([https://mn.gov/deed/assets/worship-guidance-ACC\\_tcm1045-433301.pdf](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/worship-guidance-ACC_tcm1045-433301.pdf)) and may change over time as the local environment changes.

The Guidelines require  
reduced occupancy.

Everyone from the local locality is welcome to  
attend and we will still meet the guidelines.  
Masks will be required to comply with the state  
wide mask mandate.

Church service will start at 11:00 and will be available from the telephone patch  
systems as before. Households with high risk individuals should consider  
staying

home. • If you have been ill during the week the guidelines are to stay  
home.

• If you may have been exposed to COVID-19 the guidelines are to stay home until 14 days after your  
last exposure.

• If you are not comfortable with attending church be free to stay home and receive  
the phone

patch . • We need to follow social distancing practices between

households, this means:

- Maintain 6' between households before, during, and after the service. The Sanctuary will be set up for this and guidance will be provided by the ushers.
- Refrain from handshaking and embracing.
- Mask wearing is required.
- Signs will be posted encouraging good hygiene, social distancing, etc.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available as you enter the Church building.
- The kitchen will be closed.
- Only 1 nursing mother in a nursery at a time
- Parents or others are asked to attend to small children that can't understand physical distancing.  
Please talk to your children about physical distancing. Children always need to be with a responsible person.
- Coffee, water, and meals will not be served or allowed at church at this time.
- The church building will be opened at 10:40 and close approximately 20 minutes after the service.

For Weddings and Funerals, the church may also now be utilized

- Same guidelines as outlined above for church services.
- Kitchen etc., closed as noted for church services. Baptisms may also take place

following physical distancing guidelines and a limited number at church. Contact one of the preachers regarding baptisms. Sunday school will not be held at church, please continue at home for the remainder of the term. We will not be able to hold a communion service at this time

Please refer to government websites (<https://www.cdc.gov/> <https://mn.gov/covid19/>) for additional guidance for good hygiene and physical distancing practices.

In order to remain in compliance with health guidelines we will need to know if any confirmed cases have been in the building. Please contact the Chairman Jason Korvela if this occurs.