

Beloved of St Matthew's,

I want to let you know that I am aware of several individuals who were in church last Sunday (July 24, 2022) and who have since tested positive for Covid-19. I do this to keep us all aware of possible exposure and below copy CDC data and recommendations specifically for Howard County, MD. I urge everyone to keep informed and thoughtful as they attend LITURGICAL SERVICES and COFFEE HOUR at St. Matthew's. Certainly anyone with symptoms of ANY contagious illness should take advantage of our live-streaming from home. Those who know themselves to be at high risk medically are also urged to practice caution and take advantage of our live-streaming. I am available to make visitations and offer Holy Communion to those who choose not to attend Liturgy for any valid reason. We will continue to offer "drive-up" Communion preferring that you also view the live-stream to participate as fully as possible in the Liturgy. It is preferable that you inform either me or Dn. John for this option arriving in your vehicle to the side door by 11am. Wearing of masks in the choir is left to the discretion of our music director. Currently I continue to require masks be worn by all those serving in the "enclosed" space of the Holy Altar. We are blessed to have a caring and loving community and are striving to do what we can to mitigate the continuing pandemic. May God Bless each and every one of you!  
Love always in Christ,  
Fr C

As of Friday, July 29, 2022  
"From the CDC -

Howard County, Maryland  
State Health Department  
COVID-19 Community Level:

Medium

Recommended actions based on current level":  
Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on public transportation. You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider wearing a mask indoors in public and taking additional precautions."