



## **Youth Formation COVID Protocols** *Fall 2021*

### **General Expectations for Group Gatherings**

We'll be following the following guidelines for any gatherings we host as a ministry:

- All attendees will need to register prior to any event via the methodology outlined in the communication sent by the Youth Formation department (such as Sign Up Genius, Google Form email or text message replies). All Formation Hours will follow the general guidelines as outlined below for indoor gatherings. All special events that require a Google Form Registration will have unique protocol due to the nature of the event.
- There will be a registration table at each event to get youth signed in for attendance and contact tracing purposes. In compliance with the Youth Registration Form, if your youth contracts COVID or is involved in another contagious situation, we ask that you contact Alysha Moroni with this information to allow us to inform other affected youth and their families. Confidentiality will be maintained in all communications. Youth and families will be alerted as soon as we are aware of a situation.
- For indoor gatherings:
  - St. B's asks that everyone wear a mask inside our buildings.
  - If food and beverages are present, we will go outside to eat.
- For outdoor gatherings:
  - Participants are not required to wear masks and it's suggested that participants stand three to six feet apart from one another.
  - All participants are required to wear masks if they go inside the church building.



## **General Expectations for Pastoral Visits**

These visits could include walks around the St. B's path, meetings with 3 or fewer youth and adult leaders, pastoral counseling, or more.

- If walking or outdoors spaces, participants may be unmasked to the comfort level of the participants.
- If seated indoors (such as in a restaurant), participants can be unmasked to the rules of the space they are in and will be adhered to by both parties.
- Meetings will be outside unless weather dictates otherwise, including meetings offsite. If meetings have to be inside, participants will be in a well ventilated space, masked, and socially distanced.
- For contact tracing purposes as well as Safeguarding, all interactions are recorded at the church office in the event of a family needing to be contacted for possible contact tracing.