

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Rev. Simone Hurkmans

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Hi everyone,

We received this afternoon the first version of our **Diocesan COVID-19 Plan**.

The Plan outlines how we'll move from our current Red Stage (no in-person worship) to the next Amber Stage (limited in-person worship). No date is set for this transition but we know that it will not occur before September. However, planning for the Amber Stage must begin now.

The first step is to put together a Pandemic Planning Team, which is being formed as we speak. All preparations will be done in concert with First United.

I invite you to have a look at the attached documentation for more detail than you ever thought possible about how to re-open a church during a pandemic! You will find a letter from Bishop Shane, the Plan itself, and a Parish Checklist.

I will continue to provide updates as they become available. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NRSV)