

The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina
Department of Youth Ministries

Infectious Disease Policies and Protocols for In Person Youth Events

Understanding that gathering in community is important to young people and that Youth Ministries in the Diocese of East Carolina wants to remain open and able to have in person youth events of all kinds, the following policies and protocols are in place.

In an effort keep our events as healthy as we can, we simply ask that you love your neighbor as yourself. For youth events in East Carolina this means:

- 1) If you are symptomatic within 72 hours of the start of an event with any contagious illness like COVID-19*, Influenza or Gastroenteritis **STAY AT HOME**. We know that you want to see friends and have a good experience, however you wouldn't want to make anyone else sick.
 - * *If you have tested positive for COVID-19 less than 5 FULL DAYS before the start of an event, you may not attend.*
 - * *If you have been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 72 hours of the start of an event, you may no attend.*
- 2) Respect that some individuals may not want to hug, hold or shake hands, and may still be more comfortable wearing a mask.
- 3) All participants and team members (youth and adult) are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and Influenza. At this time, vaccinations are not required, but this policy is subject to change based on infection rates in our diocese.
- 4) At overnight events all in attendance will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival. All participants must have an immediate plan to return home if their event test result is positive. Though it is not required, it is recommended that everyone test at home before departure.

Please note that these policies are subject to update and change at any time. Anyone registered for an event will be notified of changes as soon as they are known.