

Youth 2000

Diocese of Owensboro COVID-19 Guidelines

Because of the nature of the Youth 2000 retreat, the following is a mix of the guidelines for meeting inside and outside of the liturgy. ***These are subject to change and are the most current guidelines. Please check the Youth 2000 website at <https://owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000> for more up to date information as we approach the event.***

These guidelines are effective July 1, 2020 (updated January 7, 2021) and include the following:

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.
- Wear face covering over mouth and nose throughout entire event. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event or meeting held on parish property. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age (the CDC does not recommend those under the age of two to wear a mask), health condition, or preference, are asked to stay healthy at home.
- Conduct temperature and health checks for each participant and collect forms daily.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- No congregating or waiting in the bathrooms
- Encourage volunteers and attendees to frequently wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer, provided by the event organizer.
- Encourage those at high risk to stay Healthy at Home.
- Use signage to alert attendees of required occupancy limits, six feet of physical distance and the facial covering requirements.

Food:

- All snacks and meals will be individually packaged and boxed meals. No communal food, buffets or self-service for food or drinks.
- Ensure that gloves and masks are worn by employees/volunteers who distribute food, clean or handle high-touch areas of the gathering space.
- Maximize outdoor seating. Tables or booths should be placed six (6) feet apart. Only those living within the same household should sit together.
- Use disposable napkins, tablecloths, utensils and condiments. Condiments must be single-use, disposable packages.

Liturgy:

- The presider will wear a mask while in procession and during the distribution of Holy Communion. At all other times, he will maintain a distance of six feet from other ministers.
- The sign of peace will either be omitted or will be given in a non-physical manner such as with a bow of the head.
- Holding hands during the Our Father should be done only by those who live in the same home.
- There will be no singing except by the cantor.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- No worship aids
- *Reception of Communion*
 - For those who choose to receive Holy Communion, six feet of distance must be maintained in the Communion procession.
 - The face mask should be worn while in procession and removed only long enough to receive Holy Communion.
 - The practice of the faithful receiving Communion on the tongue is suspended. Holy Communion will be given in the hand only.
 - The practice of the faithful receiving the Precious Blood is suspended.

Travel and Lodging Guidelines:

- Participants are asked to only travel and lodge with members of the same household.