

Homebound Visits and Communion to the Homebound

The decision for volunteers/staff to resume home visits, including Care Ministry and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the homebound, is at the discretion of each parish/pastor taking into consideration the following:

- Homebound parishioner is requesting an in person visit
- Volunteer/Staff is comfortable making the in person visit
- Current restrictions at assisted living and care facilities is respected
- Telephone or virtual visits continue to be an option and encouraged

Safety Guidelines:

- Both the visitor and parishioner should be feeling well on the day of the visit
- The following questions and guidelines should also be asked and followed:
 - Call parish member to ensure they are feeling well.
 - Are any members of the family in the home ill? If yes, do not visit this day.
 - Have they been around anyone who has been sick or diagnosed with COVID-19?
 - Masks are required always while inside a home and when outside if not maintaining social distancing.
 - Social Distancing should be maintained (6 feet distance)
 - Hand sanitizer should be used by the volunteer prior to and after the visit.
 - Shorter visits are encouraged
 - Consider meeting on a porch, deck or patio if weather is nice.