

# Receiving the Eucharist at any Service

Job Aid

(Target Audience: Cleaner/Usher/Priest)

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These guidelines for receiving the Eucharist in a Church reflect the updated guidance by government officials, healthcare professionals, and Church authorities.

These guidelines are based on current requirements for groups no greater than 10 in the church at any time. This is exclusive of all ministers and an usher or greeter.

Parishes should adapt only as necessary, *however, being careful not to violate social distancing, face covering, and disinfection practices.*

Parishes or pastors may **NOT** alter number of allowed worshippers, social distancing, face covering, or disinfection guidelines contained here.

# Step by Step

## Receiving the Eucharist

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### General Notes

- Priest is to put on a face shield when distributing the Eucharist to worshipers.
- Worshipers may only remove their masks or face coverings to place the Eucharist in their mouths (at the appropriate time and location). Masks or face coverings must be replaced as soon as they do so.

### Preparing for Reception of the Eucharist

#### TASK #1

##### Placing Church Markers

**Step 1:** Place markers on the floor to indicate where worshipers are to stand while waiting to receive the Eucharist.

**Note:** Social distancing guidelines must be followed, and all worshipers may only remove their mask or face covering when instructed to do so.

Refer to the **Physical Space Guideline** for space planning if this task has not been completed yet



#### TASK #2

##### Preparing for the Reception of the Eucharist

**Step 1:** After the Fraction Rite, the Priest removes his mask or face covering and puts on face shield in preparation to distribute Holy Communion.

*Note: Remind the congregation about the new procedures regarding receiving Holy Communion.*



# Reception of the Eucharist

## TASK #1

### Queueing Worshipers

**Step 1:** Ushers move to the end of each pew and direct worshipers to the next available social distancing marker in the aisle.



## TASK #2

### Reception of the Eucharist

**Step 1:** When instructed to do so, the worshiper receives hand disinfectant for disinfection.

*Note: For the safety of both worshipers and priests, all worshipers receiving the Eucharist must have their hands disinfected prior to doing so.*



**Step 2: Remaining in their masks or face coverings,** worshiper steps forward to receive the Eucharist in his or her non-dominant hand.

Note: Priests are only permitted to distribute the Eucharist into the hand of worshipers.



**Step 3: After receiving the Eucharist,** the worshiper moves to left/right to the next social distancing marker.

**Step 4:** Using his or her other hand, the worshiper removes one side of his or her mask or face shield.



**Step 5:** Worshiper places Eucharist in his or her mouth.



**Step 6:** Worshiper replaces mask or face covering.



**Step 7:** Usher directs Worshiper back to his or her original pew or seat.



**Step 8:** Worshiper returns to seat.