



IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

COVID Protocols for In-person and Remote Gatherings of Iona School

Fall 2022

General Provisions

Every attempt will be made to determine whether programs will be offered in-person or solely in remote fashion one week prior to the first day of the weekend.

The normative instructional model of the Iona School for Ministry is in-person; but circumstances may require us to shift to online instruction (via Zoom). We will typically not adopt a hybrid model; students who are positive for COVID will miss classes and make other arrangements to make up the material (in consultation with the deans).

Stay-at-home orders issued by the State of Texas and/or the Federal Government will be deemed cause to suspend in-person gatherings;

If warranted in the judgment of the deans and Executive for Formation, single room accommodations may be provided at Camp Allen for every student at Diocesan expense.

All masking policies issued by Camp Allen will be followed. Individual masking is always an option, even when not required.

When gathering in-person cannot be done outdoors, attention will be paid to increasing ventilation, limiting the length of gatherings indoors, and increasing physical distancing to 6-foot, the wearing of masks or more, in accordance with CDC guidelines;

Physical distancing and masks are expected in the dining hall at Camp Allen except while seated and eating or drinking; Please see Camp Allen Protocols for more specifics on dining.

All participants of in-person gathering are required to take an at-home COVID test one day prior to the weekend, and are expected to self-screen for symptoms including fever each day of the gathering, and to refrain from gathering if they have been exposed to the Coronavirus within 10-days of the session;

Self-screening questions and symptoms include:

Do you currently have a temperature at or above 100.0 F. or any of the following symptoms that are not normal for you?

- Loss of taste or smell

- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Chills or shaking with chills
- Congestion or runny nose (please note, it is entirely possible to have seasonal allergies arise while staying at Camp Allen. If you are prone to seasonal allergies, consider taking preventative allergy medication prior to or during the weekend to help assess self-screening);
- Significant muscle pain or body aches
- Have a new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing or for individuals with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in your cough from baseline.
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 in the previous 10 days*

Participants and instructors are expected to disclose immediately any positive or suspected case of COVID infection that occurs within 10 days of their in-person participation in a diocesan program, informing the Dean(s) of Iona School and/or Bishop Ryan. All who have been in close proximity with a confirmed or suspected case while at such a diocesan program will be notified upon our receipt of such news. The notification will not include identifying information unless released in writing by the person making the disclosure.

Instructors

Though all instructors who are able are expected to come to Camp Allen for in-person sessions, provisions will be made for instructors who need to remain remote to participate safely.

- Zoom access will be provided for instructors who need to teach remotely due to a positive COVID result.
- If a student Officiant of a worship service is joining session remotely, that worship service will be held entirely virtual on Zoom;
- If a student Officiant of a worship service is joining in-person, that worship service will be held in person;
- Administrative support regarding handouts, Zoom practice sessions, and scheduling questions will be provided to instructors and faculty when requested in a timely manner (generally, requests must be received 72 hours prior to gathering);

Students/Participants

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If an entire Iona session has been made virtual, due to high COVID risk:

- The student Officiant of a worship service will lead the service remotely; the worship service will be held entirely virtual on Zoom;
- Administrative support regarding logistics, class details and available handouts will be provided to students when requested in a timely manner (where possible, requests must be received 72 hours prior to the weekend.);
- Iona students without access to a computer with a camera, a laptop with audio and video capacity, or a tablet with audio and video capacity are asked to contact the Iona Administrator, Laura McAlister. All students are asked to bring their own devices along with a headset or earbuds with them to Camp Allen, if able.

Worship

Worship will follow guidelines laid out by the Bishops of the Diocese of Texas. A set of Camp Allen/Iona/PSF guidelines will be provided. The Deans of Iona are responsible for the onsite attention to safe worship practices.

*Per CDC guidelines: Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19. It is best to avoid travel until a full 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19. Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#:~:text=Watch%20for%20symptoms%20until%2010,with%20someone%20with%20COVID%2D19.&text=It%20is%20best%20to%20avoid,with%20someone%20with%20COVID%2D19.&text=Isolate%20immediately%20and%20get%20tested,until%20you%20know%20the%20results>.