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RE: SLO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

God's Love and Peace!

Last August 18, 2021, as a response to the alarming fast spread of the Delta variant throughout the county, San Luis Obispo Health County Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein released a video. She announced that all those who go to INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS should wear a snugly fit face mask.

San Luis Obispo Health Department released a news report about it, but unlike the "health order" from Santa Cruz County, our county's announcement is a recommendation. Monterey Diocese Chancellor Deacon Hugo Patino affirms this.

With the absence of an official health order document from the county and the Monterey Diocese, using a face mask inside our church is your personal decision. You know your health issues. You know what is best for you. In my case and my staff, we will continue to wear the face mask for our safety. Breakthrough cases are happening to the fully vaccinated. We are a three-person team doing multiple duties. We cannot afford to get sick. The church must continue to operate and serve the Sacraments.

As an extra safety precaution, our parish has reverted to these safety practices:

1. The use of two ambos: one for the lector and one for the priest presider;
2. Disinfecting the worship space after every liturgy;
3. New signs posted on church walls to wear a snugly fit face mask;
4. Online Sunday Worship Aid is back on our MyParishApp and SEAS parish website;
5. Order for all those using the restrooms: please wipe all the surfaces you touched with the provided Lysol/Clorox wipes and dispose of them in the garbage can.
6. Order to use hand sanitizers before entering the church and before receiving Holy Communion.

Please take good care of yourself and your loved ones.

We will keep you posted with new announcements from the Diocese of Monterey.

Stay safe and well.

Love and prayers,


Rev. Joey R. Buena
Pastor