

July 2, 2021

Dear friends,

We just learned a person from our parish tested positive for COVID-19. They were last at Mass at 10:30 am on June 27, 2021. King County Public Health has been informed and at this time, we have determined that there were no “close contacts” with this person. By definition, close contact is when **someone was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.**¹

Although there was no “close contact,” out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to alert you so that you can monitor for symptoms. Public Health does not advise that people get tested, unless you feel symptoms or have had known close contact with someone who tested positive. As a reminder, the symptoms to watch out for include:

- A temperature of at least 100.4°F
- Increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- A new cough
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion or fatigue

If you experience any of these symptoms, please do not come to church or to Mass and follow-up with your primary care physician.

Please keep this parishioner in your prayers, as well as all people on the front lines caring for the sick and their families. We are so grateful for their selfless service to our communities.

Yours in Christ,
Father Maurer

¹ *Appendix A – Glossary of Key Terms*, CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>