



Protocols for Retreats

The Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery has been closed to retreats since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the ongoing pandemic, there are new guidelines and protocols for Benedictine Center retreats. The following protocols are clearly presented and will be part of the registration process.

- The Benedictine Center invites fully vaccinated individuals to attend onsite retreats:
 - Retreatants will be asked to provide proof of vaccination at time of arrival.
 - Nonvaccinated individuals may consider virtual participation if applicable.
- Prior to arrival, retreatants will complete and sign a registration/liability release form.
- If a retreatant has a temperature or has been exposed to COVID, then the individual will not be allowed to attend retreat. A refund, less an administration fee, will be granted.
- Retreatants will bring masks.
- Retreatants will be asked to always wear masks when in public spaces.
- Retreatants wearing masks are invited to join the Sisters in the Chapel for Prayer and Eucharist.
- Generally, only one person will be assigned per guest room, unless part of the same household. Note: most guest rooms have a shared restroom.
- During the retreat, individuals will be attentive to the following guidelines:
 - Social distancing.
 - Frequent washing and sanitizing of hands.
 - At meals, retreatants will go through the cafeteria line and then return to dine in the Benedicta Riepp Room.
 - Coffee and water stations will be set up near the meeting rooms.
 - If a retreatant becomes ill during a retreat, then the individual will:
 - Notify a Benedictine Center staff member
 - Isolate in their room
 - Leave the retreat when transportation can be arranged
 - May need to call/text their emergency contact
 - If the retreatant is unresponsive then 911 will be called.
- If a retreatant becomes sick within 14 days following the retreat the individual
 - Will get tested for COVID-19
 - Will notify Benedictine Center staff if the test returns positive for COVID
 - Is aware that other retreatants will be informed, however, the confidentiality of the individual will be honored.