

Phase II and Phase III Baptismal Protocol Diocese of New Westminster

1. Observe All Phase II or Phase III Protocols for in-person worship (preparation of space, Service of the Word only in Phase II, Protocols for the distribution of communion in Phase III, etc.)
2. Parents, sponsors and candidate (Baptismal party) arrive first, if possible, and sit closest to font, separated on all sides from others in congregation. Ensure that access to the font is direct without others seated between Baptismal party and font.
3. Prior to baptism liturgy, font is cleaned and sanitized.
4. All items involved in baptism are set up by one gloved person immediately prior to baptism (candles, chrim, etc). Parents or candidates invited to bring and supply their own towel
5. Fresh water and a fully sanitized font are used for each person who is baptized. One unassisted priest conducts the baptism and fills the font with fresh water before the Prayer over the Water. After the baptism, no one is allowed to touch the water in the font during the service. The water in the font is disposed of immediately after the service by emptying it on the ground, and the font is cleaned and sanitized again. (This protocol may make it impractical to conduct multiple baptisms at one service.)
6. Priest conducting the baptism sanitizes hands immediately before baptizing and dons a mask.
7. Adult candidate wears a mask. At the baptism of an infant or young child, parents wear masks.
8. For the baptism of a young child or infant, parents have hold of the child throughout the baptism and chrismation
9. At the baptism, adult candidate bends over the font or parents of a young child/infant lower the child into the font or hold the child over the font. Priest pours water over the head of the adult or child without making physical contact.
10. Priest conducting the baptism sanitizes hands before chrismation and immediately following chrismation.
11. No asperges will happen at any baptism during Phase II or Phase III.
12. The priest conducting the baptism sanitizes their hands before and after each separate baptism and before and after each chrismation.



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