

DIOCESAN COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Effective February 17, 2022

To be reviewed and updated by the diocesan COVID-19 task force March 15.

Recognizing the uniqueness of space/facilities and comfort level of each parish and its members, the following changes are offered to support our shared commitment to the safety and well-being of all who come together in worship and in the use of our facilities. Each parish/community will need to consider its own readiness and capacity to address the lifting of restrictions.

Required

- Masks are mandatory in indoor spaces including at worship, except when leading in worship and/or consuming food and beverages.
- Worship services continue to be capped at 50% capacity unless proof of vaccination is required to attend, in which case full capacity is permitted as per provincial health order.
- Proof of vaccination must be shown at all indoor events, with the exception of worship services of 50% capacity or less. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue to worship online only.
- Eucharist in one kind only.
- Visitation guidelines for long-term care facilities remain in effect. One-on-one communion permitted (bread only).

Permitted

- Coffee/social gatherings with a safety plan outlining how food and beverages will be handled. Masking and proof of vaccination required.
- Weddings and funeral receptions. Masking and proof of vaccination required.
- Pastoral care home visits. Masking and proof of vaccination of pastoral visitors required.
- Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes.

Recommended

It is recommended that hospitality be limited to coffee/snacks only until March 15 when Public Health issues its next update. Please refrain from hosting Shrove Tuesday dinner and other community meals.

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