

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE RISK OF COVID-19

Guidelines and procedures

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CAPACITY OF PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE RED ZONE

As a precautionary measure, the Government of Quebec is announcing that as of April 8, 2021, places of worship will be limited to a **maximum of 25 people**.

The following instructions must be respected:

- The wearing of a procedural mask is **mandatory**² during the entire worship is mandatory. Members of the congregation may only remove their masks for communion.
- **The keeping of an attendance register** is again in effect and mandatory.
- A distance of 2 meters must be maintained at all times between persons who do not reside at the same address.
- The people providing the religious service are not counted in the calculation of the number of participants: 25 is the maximum number of people in the nave.

If you are broadcasting the Mass in another room of the worship space that has a separate entrance (such as the basement), you may accommodate another 25 people.

It is strongly recommended that you continue videotaping and broadcasting the celebrations on social media for those who cannot join the liturgical gatherings.

¹ These measures either are in addition to, or clarify those already in force in the diocese.

² **Single-use masks** with elastic bands around the ears **are only permitted**. We ask that you offer a mask to all those who will be participating in liturgical celebrations, as well as to volunteers. The person presiding at a liturgical celebration or a volunteer speaking at a microphone (readings, announcements) is not required to wear a mask when speaking if he or she is more than 2 meters away from the participants.