

## PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE RISK OF COVID-19

Guidelines and procedures

Updated March 25, 2021<sup>1</sup>

### ■ IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR LEVEL 4–MAXIMUM ALERT (RED)

As of Friday, March 26, places of worship are allowed to accommodate up to **A MAXIMUM of 250 people**. Respecting the 2m distance between people can probably make this limit less for a particular place of worship.

This limit does not apply to each room in the place of worship, but TO THE ENTIRE PLACE of worship.

- Therefore, it is still possible to hold the liturgical celebration in another room with a separate entrance, but the total number of people present in each room must not exceed 250 people.
  - *For example: 150 people in the main nave + 100 people in the basement.*

In the red zone, however, the following guidelines must be observed:

#### **FOR ALL ACTIVITIES**

- Curfew between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

#### **FOR LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES**

- The physical distance of 2 meters must be maintained at all times between people who do not live at the same address ;
- The wearing of a procedural masks is **mandatory**<sup>2</sup>.
- The mask must be worn at all times, except when consuming communion;
- Choral singing and congregational singing remain prohibited;

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

<sup>2</sup> **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.

- It is possible to have one or two people singing, more than 2 meters from the congregation, with microphone;
- The congregation does not move for communion: it is the ministers who move;
- For **weddings, baptisms** and **funerals**, the limit is 25 people.
- For **weddings, baptisms** and **funerals**, the keeping an attendance register is **mandatory**;
- It is strongly recommended to continue videoing and broadcasting the celebrations on social networks for those who will not be able to join the liturgical gatherings.

### **FOR OTHER PARISH ACTIVITIES**

- Activities that take place in places of worship that are not worship activities shall be managed according to the rules that apply to community organizations. Group activities that are a direct service to the population (classes, support groups, sharing groups, catechesis, etc.) are possible, but **limited to 25 people per group and per room**.
- Meetings of parishioners are permitted<sup>3</sup>, with a maximum of **25 people**, who respect the sanitary rules. An attendance register is **mandatory**.
- Church meetings should ideally be held by telephone or video conference. In exceptional cases, they can be held in person, with a maximum of **12 people**, respecting the sanitary rules.
- Team meetings, governed by the CNESST, must be held by telework. If it is really impossible to do otherwise, they can be held face-to-face, with a maximum of **12 people** who respect the health rules.

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<sup>3</sup> Ten parishioners shall constitute a quorum at meetings of parishioners (Loi sur les Fabrique, article 53).