

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.

Public Health Authority provides the following clarification to the existing protocol Level 4 - Maximum alert (Red Zone):

"Maximum number of 25 participants in a place of worship. If the place of worship occupies an entire building, the limit applies to the building."

The possibility of broadcasting the celebration in another room is therefore **prohibited**.

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.

