

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE RISK OF COVID-19

Guidelines and procedures

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■ CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

By ministerial order, the Government of Quebec has just made changes to the containment measures in force for places of worship. As of today, a maximum of 10 persons may be in attendance at a place of worship, except for a funeral service, in which case the limit of 25 persons is applicable.

This authorization is accompanied by strict measures:

- That the religious leaders show rigorous exemplarity and encourage their followers to respect the sanitary measures in force:
 - Physical distance of 2 meters;
 - Hand washing at the entrance and exit of places of worship;
 - Wearing of face covering.
- Singing is prohibited, as it has been shown to be a practice that poses a risk of transmission of the virus;
- Attendance records are mandatory;
- The celebration of weddings is prohibited in places of worship;
- Curfew must be respected.

However, this authorization must not lead to a multiplication of celebrations. In the current pandemic context, we will continue to encourage the participation of as many people as possible by broadcasting the celebrations on social networks, websites or other communication platforms.

Parish leaders will discern, according to the needs and resources of the community, whether they wish to implement these measures this weekend or later.

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