

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE RISK OF COVID-19

Guidelines and procedures

Updated February 4th, 2022¹

REMINDER OF MEASURES IN EFFECT AS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022

A. PLACES OF WORSHIP

These rules apply to **all liturgical celebrations** (Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals) and to the opening of churches for personal prayer:

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- Indoors:
 - Seating limit limited to 50% of reception capacity, with a maximum of 250 people;
 - Masks must be worn at all times, at a distance of one meter and hand hygiene must be practiced upon entry;
 - Vaccination passport required for persons 13 years and older.

ONLY EXCEPTIONS:

1. For funerals, **if the family chooses not to require a vaccine passport**, the limit is 50 people;
2. People who are homeless are exempt from presenting their vaccination passport to gain access.

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- Outdoors :
 - Maximum of 250 people, no vaccine passport requirement. Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn.

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

B. ROOM RENTALS

It is not permitted to rent a room for a private event **of any kind**. Only community group activities (food bank, thrift stores, AA meetings, Al-Anon, self-help group) are permitted in accordance with their own rules.

C. STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE FABRIQUE

- Telework mandatory for all activities that can be performed at a distance.
- Meetings of churchwardens, pastoral teams and committees cannot be held in person, they must be held by telephone or videoconference.
- For employees called to the workplace, the vaccination passport cannot be requested.
- CNESST rules on workplace safety apply.

D. PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

These rules apply **only** to pastoral activities (catechesis, classes, baptismal preparation, etc.):

- space capacity is limited to 50%;
- Wearing of the procedure mask at all times;
- minimum distance of 1 meter between people of different residences must be kept;
- immunization passport is **required**, for persons **13 years of age and older**.

E. VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE

These rules apply to persons called to serve in liturgical celebrations (Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals) and pastoral activities in the performance of their duties. Volunteers must respect the rules of the CNESST, namely:

- wearing of the procedure mask at all times ;
- a minimum distance of 2 meters between people must be maintained;
- the vaccination passport **is not required**.
- Non-vaccinated volunteers are asked to leave the premises promptly after the celebration or activity.

F. CHOIR MEMBERS, MUSICIANS AND CHOIRS

These rules apply to **all** liturgical celebrations (Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals):

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- Musicians and choir members **employed by the Fabrique** and whose place of worship is their **usual** place of work (e.g., titular organist, choir director):
 - Wearing of the procedural mask continuously;
 - A minimum distance of 2 meters between people must be kept;
 - Vaccination passport is **not required**.

Musicians, choirs and chorus members **hired on demand with remuneration** :

- Wearing of the procedural mask continuously;
- A minimum distance of 2 meters between people must be kept;
- Vaccination passport **is required**.

Volunteer choirs:

- Wearing of the procedural mask continuously;
- A minimum distance of 2 meters between people must be kept;
- Vaccination passport is **not required** as they are volunteers serving the community.
- Non-vaccinated volunteers are asked to leave the premises promptly after the celebration.

■ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit the diocesan Website: www.dsjl.org

Or the Government of Quebec Website: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/measure-in-force/weddings-places-worship-funerals>