

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE RISK OF COVID-19

Guidelines and procedures

Updated December 20, 2021¹

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE DECEMBER 17, 2021 GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

PRESENTATION OF VACCINATION PASSPORT

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The vaccination passport is mandatory for **ALL** celebrations, with the exception of weddings and funerals.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

In the December 17, 2021 communiqué, it was stated that " all ministers who fulfill a particular function within the liturgical assembly must also have submitted their vaccination passport. ". However, the CNESST indicates that:

- The vaccination passport is not required for paid staff whose workplace is the place of worship and volunteers **in the performance of their duties²**.

For liturgical celebrations, and for the protection of all persons, we strongly suggest that:

- for all persons under CNESST rules (pastoral and staff members, musicians, volunteers), it is mandatory to leave the premises immediately after the activity if they do not have a vaccination passport.
- If a person subject to CNESST rules is **not on duty** and simply wishes to attend the celebration, they must therefore present their vaccination passport.

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

² Sanitary measures from the CNESST must however be respected :

<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/en/prevention-and-safety/covid-19/covid-19-toolkit> .

PERSONS WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT PRECLUDE VACCINATION

The government recognizes that in certain specific situations³, individuals may have medical contraindications that prevent them from receiving vaccines. These individuals must have a form completed by a physician or specialized nurse practitioner (SNP). This form must then be brought to a vaccination center. The staff will then enter this information into the government data system. They will then be able to download their QR code and, when verified, the result will be green, allowing them to enter the place of worship. As with all other places where the vaccination passport is required, it is forbidden to accept a person to present a medical ticket at the door: the process described above must absolutely be done.

³ Allergy to all the COVID-19 vaccines available in Québec (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, and Covishield), confirmed by a healthcare professional, myocarditis or pericarditis following COVID-19 vaccination.