

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE RISK OF COVID-19

Guidelines and procedures

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■ IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR HOLY WEEK

It is with great joy that our Christian communities have welcomed measures of lockdown lifting for places of worship to accommodate a maximum of 250 people² just in time to celebrate the Easter celebrations.

However, this authorization comes with strict measures that we would like to remind you of and that we invite you to make known on all your communication platforms—parish bulletin, website, Facebook page, etc.

In order for our places of worship to be safe, we ask that pastoral staff set a strict example and enforce the sanitary measures in place, specifically:

- The physical distance of 2 meters for people not belonging to the same “family bubble”;
- Washing hands when entering and leaving places of worship;
- Wearing of procedural masks³ at all times during worship.

Individuals who exhibit symptoms related to COVID-19 should stay home: we encourage them to get tested promptly.

Limit socialization before and after celebrations to avoid the risk of transmission.

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

² Attendance register is not required for celebrations of 250 people. Keeping an attendance register is mandatory only for more “family” gatherings: weddings, baptisms, funerals, which can only accommodate 25 people.

³ **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.