

NOTE TO PARISHES – June 28, 2021

New Instructions – Transition to **Green Zone**

As of June 28, 2021 – Transition to **Green Zone**

❖ **Place of Worship:**

- The number of people allowed in a gathering is a maximum of 250 people (excluding the priest and the pastoral and welcome team on duty).
- A minimum distance of two meters is maintained between persons in the place of worship, even when they remain in their seats and do not move about, unless they are occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent.
- If the place of worship occupies an entire building, the **limit applies to the building**.
- Outdoor Masses are permitted; however, the rules governing places of worship must be respected, particularly with respect to the maximum number of persons admitted.
- **Wearing a face covering or a procedural mask** is mandatory. It may be removed when the person is in his or her seat, remains silent or speaks only in a low voice.
- **No movement during** the celebration.
- **Attendance record keeping** is not required, but it is strongly recommended that a general list of those attending the place of worship and the necessary contact information be kept.
- The previously announced measures for singing, communion, and telecommuting remain.

❖ **Marriages and Funerals**

<https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/a-z/coronavirus-2019/systeme-alertes-regionales-et-intervention-graduelle/palier-1-vigilance-zone-verte> Press English on the button at the top right.

○ **For Weddings**

- At the ceremony, **an attendance of up to 250 people is permitted** as long as they remain in their seats.
- **A mask or face covering must be worn inside**. May be removed when the person is in his or her seat, remains silent or speaks only in a low voice.
- Distancing between people of different residences must also be respected.

○ **For Funerals**

- At the ceremony, **an attendance of up to 250 people** is permitted as long as they remain in their seats. This limit excludes funeral workers and volunteers in or outside the building.
- A maximum of 50 people may be present at any one time during the viewing of the body or ashes of the deceased and during the expression of condolences to the family.
- **An attendance register must be kept and a mask or face cover must be worn inside**. The mask can be removed when the person is in his or her seat, remains silent or speaks only in a low voice.
- Distancing between people of different residences must also be respected.

These new guidelines, which take effect today, must be strictly observed for our own good and the good of others. Please note that access to the offices of the Diocesan Centre remains possible by appointment only.

Most Reverend Noël Simard, Bishop