

MEMORANDUM



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

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TO Parishes
FROM Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon
SUBJECT New Restrictions – two pages

In light of the increase in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, the Diocese of Calgary mandates the following gathering restrictions in all parishes effective immediately.

Masses

The total maximum attendance allowed for Mass is limited to 1/3 of regular pre-COVID capacity or less if required for proper physical distancing. While the current maximum occupancy in churches are most likely already in compliance, we ask that parishes check and verify.

Weddings and Funerals

The total maximum attendance allowed for the congregation including clergy and anyone else involved in the celebration is no more than 50 persons, or fewer if required for proper physical distancing.

Baptisms

The total maximum attendance allowed for the congregation including clergy and anyone else involved in the celebration is no more than 15 persons, or fewer if required for proper physical distancing.

Each celebration of baptism will be limited to one child or the children of the family/household. If godparents do not belong to the family's cohort, we strongly recommend proper physical distancing be observed at all times.

Essential In-Person Meetings

The total maximum attendance for essential in-person meetings in parish halls and meeting rooms is no more than 15 persons, or fewer if required for proper physical distancing.

The Diocese continues to encourage virtual meetings especially under current conditions.

Social gatherings are not allowed in parishes at this time.

We also adhere to the following restrictions from Alberta Health Services.

- No social gatherings inside your home or outside of your community. Instead, socialize outdoors or in structured settings, like restaurants or other business that are subject to legal limits and take steps to prevent transmission.
- 15-person limit on social and family gatherings - indoors and outdoors - where people are mixing and mingling.
- Limit of 3 cohorts: your core household, your school, and one other sport or social cohort. Young children who attend child care can be part of 4 cohorts.
- Wear a mask in all indoor work settings, except when alone in a workspace or an appropriate barrier is in place.
- Employers in office settings to implement strategies to reduce the number of employees in the workplace at one time.