

Guidelines in effect as of December 20, 2021

FOR "REGULAR" MASSES

- Passport mandatory in order to be permitted entry into a place of worship.
- Verification must be effected using the VaxiCode Verif application, and photo identification must be presented by anyone aged over 14 and under 75 years of age. (<https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/a-z/coronavirus-2019/deroulement-vaccination-contre-la-covid-19/passeport-de-vaccination-covid-19/aide-pour-vaxicode>)
- Number of people permitted entry is restricted to 50% of the capacity of the place of worship, up to a maximum of 250 persons.
 - This means that, for a place of worship where the capacity is 700 people, a maximum of 250 people may be accommodated.
 - In a place of worship where capacity is 400 people, a maximum of 200 people may be accommodated.
- This reduced maximum provides for a distance of at least one metre separating individual persons from one another or from groups of persons who reside at the same address.
- To the extent that it is possible, participants should remain seated and wear masks at all times. Wherever possible, when Communion is to be given, it should be the ministers who move about.
- Speakers may remove their masks when speaking.
- These guidelines apply to all types of religious celebrations, with the exception of funerals and weddings, for which specific guidelines are in effect.

FOR FUNERALS

- If condolences are to be offered inside a place of worship prior to the funeral ceremony, there may be a limit of 50 people at any one time; this may be done in rotation.
- The vaccination passport is not required.
- For the ceremony, if the vaccination passport is not required, the maximum number of persons permitted to attend is 25. If the passport is required, the maximum is 250 persons. This same rule applies also in funeral homes.

FOR WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

- Weddings may be celebrated without requiring the vaccination passport. The maximum number of persons permitted entry to the place where the wedding is being celebrated is 25.
- If the family agrees that the vaccination passport should be required, the maximum number permitted entry is 250 persons.

See the attached table for a summary of the measures and visit this web page which will be updated shortly:

<https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/a-z/coronavirus-2019/mesures-en-vigueur/a-propos-des-mesures-en-vigueur>

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

- Caution is urged.
- If a parish mounts a living nativity scene, the "actors" should ideally be from the same family; they should refrain from moving and speaking, and they must wear masks. The narration can be provided by a third person at the microphone.

PRIVATE ACTIVITIES IN A RENTED ROOM

- Maximum of 10 people, except for funerals and weddings, for which the limit is 25 persons.

RE: CHOIRS

- Unless further details are provided later, the rules we have been following still apply.