

AIDE-MÉMOIRE: HEALTH GUIDELINES IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

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GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES

Wash hands at the entrance, wear a mask and maintain a distance of two metres from others while moving about inside the church. Once seated, maintain a distance of two (2) metres from persons residing at different addresses or, if not singing and only speaking quietly, a distance of one (1) metre. Masks may be removed if those seated remain silent or speak only in a low voice. It is recommended that participants avoid moving about during ceremonies. All health guidelines to be followed can be found here: [HEALTH GUIDELINES](#)

MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

Indoors - 250 persons
Outdoors - 500 persons
Vaccination passport NOT required

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Indoors - 250 persons
Outdoors - 500 persons outdoors
Vaccination passport NOT required
Attendance log required
Receptions following religious ceremonies for weddings and funerals are restricted to 25 persons if held indoors, 50 persons if held outdoors.

CHOIRS

Choirs are permitted in places of worship. Choir members must respect a distance of two (2) metres between one another. If singing in front of an audience, the distance must be greater than two (2) metres.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

When singing or speaking loudly, a distance of TWO (2) metres must be maintained between persons living in different households. Masks must be worn.

CONCERTS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

For a concert performed in a place of worship, guidelines applicable are those in effect for theatres. Vaccination passport IS required.

TOURIST VISITS TO PLACES OF WORSHIP

Guidelines applicable are those in effect for museums. Vaccination passport IS NOT required.

CATECHETICAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PASTORAL MEETINGS

Guidelines applicable are those in effect for community organizations. Masks are required, and physical distancing must be maintained. Once seated, masks may be removed.

Workshops and support group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, are permitted to be held with a maximum of 250 participants, provided that all remain seated and that the space of one seat separates individuals from one another. The number of participants must be calculated in relation to the size of the room, in order to allow adequate distancing.

Indoor and outdoor recreational and sporting activities must comply with the guidelines for the given type of activity.

RENTAL OF ROOMS

Places of worship are permitted to rent out rooms to a third party or an organization. Health guidelines applicable vary according to the given type of activities.

For a community group: Individuals must wear a mask or face covering and maintain physical distancing. Once seated, masks may be removed. Workshops and support group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, may be held with a maximum of 250 participants, provided that all remain seated and that the space of one seat separates individuals from one another. Indoor and outdoor recreational and sports activities must comply with the guidelines for the given type of activity.

Private events or social activities in a rented room or indoor public space: Maximum of 25 participants. Physical distancing must be maintained and masks must be worn.