



ANGLICAN DIOCESE MONTREAL

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Dear colleagues,

I hope that you are having a good and safe start to the summer.

Just a reminder from the last update that the diocese (and all of Quebec) is in a “Level 1- Vigilance” Green Zone. All of the guidelines and Public Health requirements noted in the June 23rd memo are still in effect.

The Government of Quebec has recently made one significant change to guidelines around choral singing. As the COVID-19 situation in Quebec continues to improve, public health officials have relaxed the restriction on choir singing in places of worship. That means that effective immediately, church choirs are able to resume singing under the following conditions:

- Masks are not required, but each singer must maintain a minimum distance of 2 metres from other people or be separated by a physical barrier (a full partition); if the choir is singing in front of the congregation, the distance must be greater than 2 meters (in theaters, there are at least 3 meters between the soloists and the first row of spectators).
- After each service, the floor of the work area of each singer must be cleaned.

For the moment, **these protocols apply only to choirs**. Congregational singing remains prohibited, but the easing of these restrictions on choral music is an encouraging sign.

The Diocesan Guidelines for Re-opening Church Buildings (August 7, 2020) can be found online at: <https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/covid19-response>

Government updates can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/3hyPYUw>

If you have any questions about COVID-19 protocols, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Blessings,