



ANGLICAN DIOCESE MONTREAL

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Dear colleagues,

I write to you with good news of changes to our guidelines for worship that the Government of Quebec and Public Health have recently announced.

Many of you had asked in the past about congregational singing and when that might once again be permitted. At that time I had informed you that we had no indication of when that might happen but with the current trends there might be hope for congregational singing in the Fall!

Effective immediately, congregational singing may resume under the following conditions:

- Individuals from different households must be seated at least two metres apart;
- Individuals in the congregation **must wear masks while singing**.

As we announced on July 5th, choirs are also permitted to sing under the following conditions:

- Masks are not required, but each singer must maintain a **minimum distance of two metres** from other people or be separated by a physical barrier (a full partition);
- After each service, the floor of the work area of each singer must be cleaned.

A reminder that these guidelines may change if the current pandemic conditions change. It is important that we continue to exercise caution and follow the diocesan guidelines and Public Health directives.

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,