



May 20, 2021

Dear Clergy,

On Tuesday, May 18th, Premier Francois Legault outlined a gradual re-opening plan for the province of Quebec. In doing so, he did not specifically address places of worship, but rather noted that precisions to the plan would be made in the days ahead with places of worship as an example of an area that needed more elaboration.

The Inter-faith Roundtable that has been meeting with the Ministry of Health, the Provincial Health Officer and the Premier have been given some notice of what the provincial government intends to do regarding re-opening. I share that information with you so that you may prepare for a gradual reopening of our buildings for greater capacity gatherings and additional uses, but note that these details have not been officially announced and are, therefore, not official until the government has announced their implantation.

The government website at www.quebec.ca will confirm when these measures come into force. The following interactive site might be more specific:

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progressive-regional-alert-and-intervention-system/map-of-covid-19-alert-levels-by-region/>

As of today, the diocese continues in a red zone and, therefore, we remain with a total capacity of 25 persons, or 50% of the capacity while allowing 2 metres of separation between households (whichever is smaller) for worship with Phase II or III worship guidelines (depending on which you have been previously been given permission). Use of our properties in red zones is limited to worship and “essential services.”

As of May 31, 2021, we expect that the Diocese will be downgraded to an orange zone which will permit a total capacity of 100 persons for worship and faith formation activities, or 50% of the capacity while allowing 2 metres of separation between households, whichever is smaller (25 for funerals/weddings). Use of our properties in orange zones is limited to worship and “essential services.” Some gatherings outdoors is permitted.

As of June 14, 2021, we expect that the Diocese will be downgraded to a yellow zone which will permit a total capacity of 250 persons for worship and faith formation activities, or half of the capacity while allowing 2 metres of separation between households, whichever is smaller (50 for funerals/weddings). It is unclear at this time what the government will permit in regards to use of our buildings other than those deemed by the government as “essential services”. More information will be provided as it is announced by the government.

As of June 28, 2021, we expect that the Diocese will be downgraded to a green zone which will permit a total capacity of 250 persons for worship and faith formation activities, or half of the capacity while allowing 2 metres of separation between households, whichever is smaller (250 for funerals/weddings). It is unclear at this time what the government will permit in regards to use of our buildings other than those deemed by the government as “essential services”. More information will be provided as it is announced by the government.

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This information is meant to help you begin to plan for worship and faith formation activities in the coming months. Further easing of restrictions is envisioned to be coming **at the end of August** that may permit greater use of our buildings for rentals and multi-function use. The easing of restrictions in regards to our places of worship depends on the level of infections, hospitalizations, ICU capacity and deaths. As such, restrictions may be tightened if there are changes in these areas.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Camara" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Archdeacon Robert Camara