



## ANGLICAN DIOCESE MONTREAL

The Venerable Robert Camara  
Executive Archdeacon & Vicar General

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Dear colleagues,

As of Monday, June 28, it is expected that the entire province of Quebec will be in a “Level 1-Vigilance” Green Zone. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind people of what this meant for our communities. The Diocesan Guidelines for Re-opening of Churches remains in effect depending on if your parish has been approved for Phase II or Phase III – this means that:

- For regular worship services, maximum attendance is 250 people or 50% of the capacity of the worship space while following distancing guidelines of separation between households, **whichever is fewer**.
- Individuals from different households must maintain a distance of two metres.
- A procedure mask or face covering must be worn. The procedure mask or face covering can be taken off when the person is in their seat, is silent or speaks only in a low voice.
- Proper stations for sanitization of hands and the sanitization of common touch places.
- Congregational singing and choral music remain prohibited, but one or two cantors may sing so long as they are at least two metres from each other and from the congregation.
- If the Eucharist is to be celebrated and/or distributed, only the bread is to be offered to members of the congregation, and the celebrant (wearing a mask) should bring communion to each individual at their place.
- Congregational meetings, such as parish council meetings, may take place, so long as physical distancing is respected, masks are worn except when speaking, and no snacks are provided.
- Funerals and weddings may have a maximum of 250 people in attendance (and remain stationary) or 50% of the capacity of the worship space while following distancing guidelines of separation between households, **whichever is fewer**. A record of those in attendance must be kept for the purposes of contact tracing. In the case of funerals, condolences may be received in the church before the funeral, but no more than 50 people may be in the church building at any given time (or 50% of the capacity of the worship space while following distancing guidelines of separation between households, **whichever is fewer**).

A change in government guidelines now provides for the following:

- Coffee and other beverages may be served after services, but serving oneself from a common urn, pot, or pitcher is not permitted. Rather a designated server must pour and otherwise prepare each beverage. Similarly, food can only be shared if it is served to individuals at their seat and/or it is prepared in a self-contained box or wrapper ahead of time. The maximum number of people permitted to participate in a post-service coffee hour are 25 if indoors, 50 if outdoors.
- Outdoor services are permitted, to a maximum of 250 participants, so long as physical distancing and the other protocols related to places of worship are respected. If an enclosure like a tent is used, the maximum number of participants is 50.

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://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#c77059>

Please note that I will be away and return back to the office on July 5, 2021. If you have any questions, please be in touch with me or your territorial archdeacon.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Cameron" followed by a small cross symbol.