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Dear Colleagues,

We have just heard Premier François Legault announce that the province is going into lockdown until February 8th in an effort to stop the transmission of the Covid-19 virus. Only essential services will continue and there will be a curfew from 8pm to 5am.

Church services in person have been suspended and that means that we are all returning to Phase 1 and that our buildings are closed to the public from Saturday, January 9 to Monday February 8. Only funerals are permitted with 10 people or fewer. The Premier has suggested that people who are 65 and older should really just stay home for now as the medical system is heavily overloaded and at a breaking point.

Synod office staff will continue to work from home and you can reach us by email or by cell phone.

More information about directions for Ash Wednesday (February 17th) and Annual Vestry Meetings will be shared by the end of next week.

I know that this will be hard news for us to absorb and not what we would have hoped for or dreamed of for the beginning of a new year. As we digest this new directive, let us also keep our American neighbours in our prayers and pray that the light of Christ will illumine us all.

Grace and peace,

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Isaiah 60: 1-2