



September 29, 2020
Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Re: Covid-19 Update

Dear colleagues,

Yesterday evening the Province of Quebec announced that the Island of Montreal and Laval were being moved to Level 4-Maximum Alert Level and placed further restrictions on places of worship throughout the Diocese of Montreal.

Everywhere in the Diocese, our churches are permitted to operate with a maximum capacity of 25 persons in the church (not including the worship leaders and musicians). If you have received permission to re-open your church buildings, you may continue with your re-opening plan, except for any social gatherings that might have been planned in Phase III of your re-opening plan. The Province of Quebec has prohibited indoor social gatherings until the end of October (no coffee hour or in-person meetings – to be reviewed by the government at the end of the month of October).

Parishes have taken many precautions to avoid the transmission of the virus in their places of worship while gathering for worship – and you are asked to continue that good work to ensure your health and safety and those of your community.

If you have been granted permission to re-open and choose to pause your re-opening plans, please let the Bishop's Office know. Similarly, if you have paused your re-opening plans, please let the Bishop's Office know when you choose to resume your re-opening plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

<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/>