



# Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Date: October 5, 2021

Re: New Public Health Orders

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Effective **Tuesday, October 5, 2021**, faith-based gatherings, including Mass, are permitted for up to 33% of a church's capacity or twenty-five (25) people, whichever is greater. For outdoor faith-based gatherings, the maximum is fifty (50) people. The presider, one (1) cantor, one (1) accompanist, one (1) lector, and the live-streaming team, do not count toward the restrictions.

Effective **October 12, 2021**, the Celebrations of Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms held indoors are allowed up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) attendees or 25% of the capacity of the building, whichever is lower. For these celebrations held outdoors, the capacity is fifty (50) people. The presider, one (1) cantor, one (1) accompanist, one (1) lector, and the live-streaming team, do not count toward the restrictions. In addition, in the case of weddings, one (1) photographer or videographer does not count toward the restrictions; and in the case of funerals, the funeral home staff do not count toward the restrictions.

All gatherings while in a motor vehicle (drive-in celebrations) remain permitted without limitation. In addition, physical distancing and the use of facemasks is required for all indoor gatherings. Congregational singing is permissible in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, following all the above protocols.

**Parishes in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will not require parishioners to present proof of double vaccination.** As mentioned in my memo of October 1, 2021, we are currently seeking a moratorium from the recently announced public health orders and will update our parishes in due course regarding progress on these discussions.

Thank you very much.