

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Українська Католицька Архиепархія в Вінніпеґу

Re: COVID – 19 Pandemic

Archeparchy Update (24 June 2021)

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**To the Reverend Clergy, Religious Sisters and Laity
of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg:**

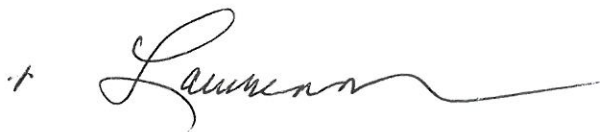
Glory to Jesus Christ!

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As you will have learned from your news sources, due to a perceived shift in the Covid-19 situation, the Government of Manitoba has issued changes to the safety restrictions effecting our daily lives, including the practice of our faith. In light of the latest government directives, we can see the following changes to the pastoral and liturgical activity of our parishes within the Archeparchy beginning Saturday, 26 June 2021:

1. “Faith-based gatherings” may expand to 25% of the typical capacity of the church, but up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) people. Outdoor gatherings may be attended by a maximum of fifty (50) people. This number, as clarified in the past, does *not* include the essential liturgical and livestreaming personnel.
2. “Special public gatherings” such as Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms, may be attended by ten (10) for the indoors aspect, but twenty-five (25) people for the outdoors aspect (e.g. interment). Again, these numbers do *not* include the essential liturgical and livestreaming personnel. Also, in the case of weddings, a camera-operator or photographer may be added to the number of essential personnel and for funerals, the funeral home staff would also be considered part of the *essential* personnel.
3. Needless to say, all the usual Covid-19 regulations remain in place, including the use of masks/facial shields.

May the Lord in His kindness and mercy continue to lead us through this pandemic and inspire us as to shine the light of the Gospel in these times.



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