



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

FEBRARY WORSHIP SAFE REQUIERMENTS

To: All Clergy, Parish and Pastoral Centre Staff
From: Fr James Quirk, Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs
Re: Parish Halls and Meetings
Date: 16 February 2022

From Thursday, 17 February 2022, the following updates to public health measures will come into effect as a part of the provincial Roadmap to Reopen legislation:

- social gathering limits increase to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors
- organized public events are allowed up to 50 people indoors
- indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies are **limited to the number that can maintain two metres physical distance** (this effectively leaves us continuing to operate at **30% capacity until 1 March 2022**). While provincial legislation allows for the lifting of capacity restrictions if proof of vaccination required it **remains the policy of the Archdiocese not to require proof of vaccination** for in-person participation in the Church's liturgies and rites.

On the instruction of our Health Units and Provincial Legislation, parishioners who attend a meeting in the hall **must show their certificate for two doses of the vaccine along with photo identification if needed**. From 1 March 2022, proof of vaccination will no longer be required.

Also, after consultation with our Health Units **the Archdiocesan policy regarding congregational singing remains unchanged** at this time. We will review this with our Health Units in March.

Until we have more details from the provincial government regarding this next phase in reopening, please continue to refrain from catering receptions and providing food and drink for meetings and social events.

Passive screening is to continue and should be completed at the entrance to the building.

Face masks continue to be required for those without medical exemptions.