

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 58 – FEBRUARY 4, 2022 INFORMATION

To members of pastoral teams,
To priests, deacons, PCLs, LPAs,
To the faithful active in their communities,
To members of religious communities,
To Archdiocesan staff,

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The following are items of information and details regarding the reopening of places of worship and the resumption of some of our activities.

1. Letter from Quebec Catholic Bishops to their brothers and sisters

The Quebec bishops have published this [message](#) on the eve of the February 7 reopening of places of worship. Kindly read this letter and share with those in your circles.

2. Guidelines

As of February 7, **catechetical** activities may be held in compliance with the following health guidelines:

- The vaccination passport is required for those 13 years of age and over;
- Masks must be worn at all times;
- Physical distancing of one metre must be maintained separating persons from different dwellings;
- Places of worship may welcome up to 50% of their normal total capacity.

Volunteers must comply with the following CNESST guidelines:

- The vaccination passport is not required;
- **Procedural** masks must be worn;
- A minimum of **two metres** must be maintained separating volunteers from other participants.

Choirs may perform as of February 7, in compliance with the following health guidelines:

- If singers or other musicians are paid, the following CNESST guidelines must be obeyed:
 - a) The vaccination passport is not required for singers or musicians if the place where they are assembled is their place of work. Otherwise, the vaccination passport is required;
 - b) **Procedural** masks must be worn at all times;

- c) A minimum distance of **two metres** must be maintained separating individuals from one another.
- If the choral group is gathered for a leisure (non-liturgical) activity, the following [guidelines governing indoor leisure activities](#) apply:
 - a) Maximum of 25 persons permitted to participate;
 - b) Maximum permitted is 50% of the normal total capacity of the place;
 - c) In compliance with [CNESST](#) guidelines, employees and volunteers must wear procedural masks at all times and maintain a minimum distance of two metres separating individuals.

I would like to remind you that the Diocesan Deconfinement Committee is available to answer your questions concerning health guidelines. You can contact them at: deconfinement@diocesemontreal.org.

3. Initiation Meeting explaining the role of Churchwarden

The Administrative Services to Fabriques Department invites you to take part in an initiation meeting explaining the role of churchwarden. Training will be held by Zoom videoconference on **February 8 and 9, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

- English training session: February 9, 2022.
- French training session: February 8, 2022.

Please fill out the [Registration Form](#) and submit to servicesfabriques@diocesemontreal.org by February 7, 2022, at the latest.

Thank you for your much appreciated cooperation!

In Jesus our Saviour,

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