

TO: Clergy, wardens, lay readers, and lay pastoral visitors

FROM: Bishop Bruce Myers **DATE:** Friday 25 June 2021

RE: Revised COVID-19 restrictions

The Quebec government has made a further revision to the COVID-19 protocols with respect to funerals or weddings being held in green zones. These are in effect as of June 28.

FUNERALS: Depending on the size of the church building, a maximum of 250 people are permitted to attend a funeral. In smaller buildings the maximum number will be the number of people from different households who can be seated while maintaining a distance of two metres. While seated they may remove their masks. For the receiving of condolences before a funeral, a maximum of 50 people, wearing masks, are permitted at any given time.

WEDDINGS: Depending on the size of the church building, a maximum of 250 people are permitted to attend a wedding. In smaller buildings the maximum number will be the number of people from different households who can be seated while maintaining a distance of two metres. While seated they may remove their masks.

As with regular church services, congregational and choir singing at funerals and weddings remains prohibited. However, soloists or duets are permitted, so long as they remain physically distanced from each other and the congregation.