



## From the Chancellery

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**To parish priests and collaborating priests  
To the presidents of fabriques assemblies  
To the faithful in Gaspésie and Îles-de-la-Madeleine**

### **Subject: Updating health standards in places of worship**

Hello!

"I bring you good news"!

The Secretary of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Quebec (AECQ) has just confirmed the new updates for sanitary measures in our places of worship. You could also consult the details on the government's website ([https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/sante/documents/Problemes\\_de\\_sante/covid-19/mesures-en-vigueur.pdf](https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/sante/documents/Problemes_de_sante/covid-19/mesures-en-vigueur.pdf)).

**In fact, there are only two health measures in force: wearing a mask and hand hygiene.**

**For everything else, we return to normal:** entrance procession, procession for communion, readers, Mass servants, assembly singing, no more distancing or separate benches, no more ropes on the benches, celebrations of the sacraments (baptism, communion, confirmation, marriage, penitential celebrations) and funerals, condolences in church, etc.

As for **choirs**, the only measure that remains is that of wearing a mask.

So, a return to normal that will be much appreciated without a doubt! This means that we could live our celebrations as before March 2020, but without forgetting that covid-19 is still circulating.

Let us hope and pray that we will not experience new waves.

Done at Gaspé, 15 March 2022.

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