

Addendum A

Summary of Changes Made July 14, 2020

Plan for Limited Reopening of Masses in Washington State was originally submitted to the governor on May 15, 2020

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Strict Physical Distancing

3rd bullet point under this heading changed to:

- Mass attendance will be limited in accordance with government directives. For services taking place in modified Phase 1 and Phase 2 counties, indoor services are permitted with 25% capacity or 200 people, whichever is less. In health guidance for services taking place in Phase 1 counties, only outdoor services are permitted, with no more than 100 attendees. Phase 3 permits an indoor capacity of 50% or 400 people, whichever is less.

(original wording: Mass attendance will be limited in accordance with government directives (e.g. 25, 50, 250, and tied to church capacity or outdoor locations that ensure proper physical distancing)).

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First bullet point changed to:

- Use of face masks/coverings is required during religious services by the order of the governor (<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19Phase1and2ReligiousAndFaithBasedGuidance.pdf>) and the Washington State Secretary of Health (https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary_of_Health_Order_20-03_Statewide_Face_Coverings.pdf). Children under 5 years old are not required to wear face coverings. If individuals arrive without a face mask, the hospitality minister or usher should provide one. If they refuse to wear a mask, please ask if they have a medical reason for not wearing one. Please note you cannot ask *what* the medical condition is. If they do have a medical condition, please place them in a section where they have 10-12 feet of distance rather than 6 feet of distance. If they do not have a medical reason for not wearing a mask, ask them to consider attending Mass through livestream. If they insist on attending in person and not complying with the stated requirement or if they have a medical reason for not wearing a mask, please place them at the back of the church with at least 10-12 feet of physical distancing. Please invite them to a conversation, perhaps with someone on the COVID-19 taskforce at a mutually agreed upon time later that week.
 - Each parish may want to limit the number of people who may attend Mass while refusing to wear a mask. When that limited quota is filled, then no additional such persons may attend that Mass.
 - If a substantial number of congregants are uncooperative with the mask requirement, then permission to celebrate public Mass may be withdrawn from the parish in question. It may be advisable for parishioners to know that a safe

and sanitary environment is a necessary pre-condition for the public celebration of the Mass.

(Original wording: Use of face masks/coverings is recommended by the CDC and is required for all individuals attending the Mass. Exceptions to this rule include very young children. If someone arrives without a face mask, the hospitality minister or usher should provide one.)

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Limited reopening of Masses

1st bullet

- Pastors and administrators will make every effort to follow state and archdiocesan guidelines. At the same time, pastors and administrators will have the final decision on what can and may be done in their specific churches when reopening masses.

(Original: Pastors/Administrators of parishes will have the final decision on what can and may be done in their specific churches when reopening Masses.)

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Additional, temporary liturgical restrictions

7th bullet

Added:

- At this time, all parishes should be using the *minimal* number of liturgical ministers possible to celebrate Mass. Every liturgical minister (including deacons) must wear a mask and observe physical distancing during the Mass. The only exceptions for wearing a mask are:
 - For the priest celebrant.
 - When a lector or deacon is reading the Sacred Scriptures, at which time they must be 12 feet away from anyone else.
 - When a cantor is singing the Psalms, at which time they must be 30 feet away from anyone else. It is highly recommended that cantors wear masks at all times; it should be an exception that the cantor does not wear a mask.

(Deleted: If the cantor is less than 30 feet from the nearest person then they must wear a face mask.)

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Celebration of the Mass

1st bullet

- A priest with a respiratory infection of any kind cannot celebrate public masses nor administer sacraments.

(Originally stated “should avoid”)