

Effective Friday, May 28:

- In line with the governor's executive order, all remaining capacity and physical-distancing limits will come to an end, including for Mass and other indoor parish events and gatherings.
- Parishes may resume funeral luncheons and wedding receptions as they are able. Food may once again be served at parish events.
- Festivals and similar parish celebrations may resume in their pre-pandemic forms.
- Face coverings are still required at all indoor events, including Mass. Masks are also required at outdoor events that exceed 500 people.

Effective Thursday, July 1:

- Face coverings will no longer be required at Mass and other events.

Although these restrictions are being removed at the diocesan level, pastors have the authority and my support to retain any of the current protocols past the dates listed above if they deem them to be in the interest of the health and safety of their parishioners. Catholic schools will continue to follow the protocols specific to them until the end of the school year.

As we continue to make progress against the coronavirus and our state returns to a degree of normalcy, I encourage you — if you haven't already — to receive one of the available COVID-19 vaccines and encourage your parishioners to do the same. The availability of the vaccine is a key reason we are able to take these steps in our state and our diocese, and our continued progress against the virus is contingent on as many people as possible receiving the vaccine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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