



Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador

October 19th, 2021

Re: Vaccine Passports and COVID-19 Protocols other than Faith-Based Gatherings.

Dear Priests and Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Please be aware that Vaccine Passports will be mandatory for all non-faith-based gatherings on Church Property beginning on October 22nd. This includes any events where parish facilities are rented out or used by third party groups. It is the parish's responsibility to ensure that all groups using their facilities are compliant with proof of Public Health's Proof of Vaccination mandate, this includes the verification of the person's personal identification (i.e. Driver's License). Please ensure that all your various fund-raising groups, Knights of Columbus, C.W.L. or groups using parish facilities are notified.

Proper health protocols should be followed in all ministries to children, youth and those seeking the pastoral ministry of the Church. Priests and those ministering in the name of the Church should take care to follow the same basic rules:

- Everyone must wear non-medical masks at all times.
- The names and contact information of all attendees must be recorded and retained for 14 days for contact tracing.
- Physical distancing must be maintained between individuals from different family groups.
- Entry must be restricted to only those who do not have COVID-19 symptoms and who are not required to self-isolate for any reason.

These precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of the virus.

Priests may want to review their office protocols in regards to welcoming parishioners at the door. Staff should also be consulted in regards to their concerns. Masks should be worn in all inside work environments, at meetings and when attending to people's needs.

In saying this, I would like to extend my gratitude to the priests, ministers and employees for your cooperation in keeping our parishes safe from the spread of the virus. Your attention to these protocols is gratefully appreciated.

Fraternally in Christ,



Bishop Bart van Roijen

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