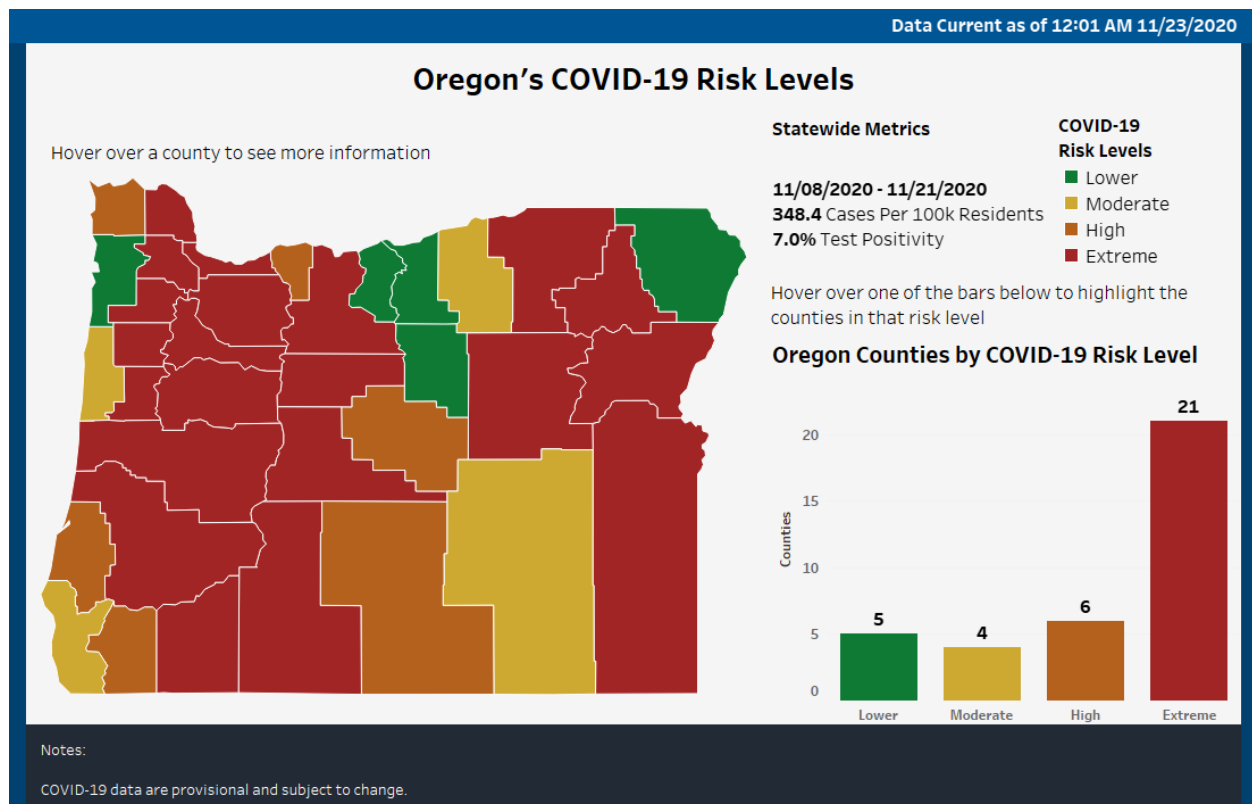


Updated Protocols for Masses and Parish Ministry

December 1, 2020

On November 27, 2020, the Governor provided a new framework for gatherings based on county risk levels. The new framework will go into effect December 3, 2020, the day after the current, statewide “freeze” ends. The risk assessment is based on the manner in which COVID-19 is spreading in the county; for example, if the number of cases is less than 50 per 100,000 people over a 14-day period, the county would be designated as a “lower risk” category. The categories progress from lower risk to extreme risk (see chart **HERE**). Most of the counties in Oregon are currently in the extreme risk category.

See the map of county risk levels as of November 23, 2020 below. A written list of the counties can be found **HERE**. Please bear in mind that the risk levels may change daily and it is therefore important to keep checking the Oregon Health Authority website <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>



The Governor's office has issued new metrics for various activities, including faith gatherings. (See Guidance by Activity Table [HERE](#)). The number limits for faith gatherings are as follows:

Lower Risk	Maximum 75% capacity indoor, 300 outdoor
Moderate Risk	Maximum 50% capacity indoor or 150, whichever is lower, 250 outdoor
High Risk	Maximum 25% capacity indoor or 150, whichever is lower, 200 outdoor
Extreme Risk	Maximum 25% capacity indoor or 100, whichever is lower, 150 outdoor

Keep in mind that capacity needs to incorporate social/physical distancing, with at least 35 square feet around each person.