



Date: 20 May 2020

Re: **UPDATE #8 — Phase 2 Reopening of Parishes, effective June 1, 2020**

Approved: *+ Austin A. Vetter*

Mindful of the safety of all, Bishop Vetter issues the following directives, effective June 1, 2020:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed. Mass will continue to be live-streamed from the Cathedral.

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Strongly consider using non-medical face coverings while in public, especially in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.

PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME

- Do not go to work or school or church.
- Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.
- Follow local health department guidance on isolation and quarantine.

Effective June 1, 2020, and respecting local health guidelines, all of the regulations and requirements of Phase 1 remain in effect with the following exceptions:

- Vulnerable populations should continue to stay at home.
- The number of gathered people where physical distancing (6 feet apart from non-household members) cannot be maintained increases from 10 to 50.
- Avoid group gatherings of greater than 50 people when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Parishes and missions that are smaller and who submitted capacity number less than 50 are asked to modify their reopening plan and resubmit it with the increased numbers. Again, cleaning protocols for frequently touched surfaces and frequently used areas must be utilized.
- The State of Montana will no longer require the 14 day self-quarantine for visitors from out of state.
- Working from home continues to be encouraged, as possible and feasible. If working from home is not possible or feasible, guidance from phase 1 remains.
- All parish and Catholic school youth programs and camps need to be canceled, including but not limited to, Vacation Bible School and Bible Camps.
- Please submit in writing any parish plans for events and activities for approval by Bishop Vetter.