



As of Monday, February 22, 2021, York Region will return to the COVID-19 Response Framework and will be placed in the **Red (Control) Zone**. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, York now joins Durham Region, Simcoe County and Orangeville in this designation. A reminder that Red Zone restrictions for places of worship are as follows:

- 30 per cent capacity (observing physical distancing) for liturgical/sacramental celebrations (Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Reconciliation). WorshipSafe guidelines must be followed.
- All other meetings should be held virtually wherever possible or postponed. There are exceptions for essential services (i.e. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, distribution of bag lunches for Out of the Cold programs, etc.). These events should be limited to 10 people and must observe rigorous protocols – distancing, mask use, sanitization, etc.

Please note – as in the past, local municipalities may impose their own restrictions on top of the provincial measures. Should this be the case, we will share this information as soon as it becomes available. In addition, the province has indicated that, if necessary, it will deploy the “emergency brake” and move regions to Grey (Lockdown) designation within 24 hours should significant variants of COVID-19 threaten a particular region.

We continue to pray for you and your family during this challenging period of pandemic.

Travel Reminder

As parts of the Archdiocese of Toronto begin to re-open, we remind the faithful that the province has asked people not to travel in and out of lockdown areas, so as to limit the spread of COVID-19.