



**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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To: All pastors and administrators
From: Msgr. John J. McDermott, VG
Re: Reception of Holy Communion
Date: August 24, 2020

In consideration of the State of Vermont's low Covid-19 infection rate and the numerous protocols in place to ensure the health and safety of our parishioners, Bishop Coyne is updating the liturgical protocols connected to the reception of Holy Communion in the parishes of the Diocese of Burlington.

Effective the weekend of August 29 -30, 2020, parishioners wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue may do so under the following conditions:

1. The pastor/administrator must be comfortable with distributing Holy Communion on the tongue at this time. This would apply specifically to priests who have a pre-existent medical condition or other reasons for not being able to safely distribute Communion in this manner.
2. The communicants will receive Holy Communion either at the end of the communion procession or after Mass has been completed.
3. Priests, deacons or EMHC distributing Holy Communion on the tongue are recommended to sanitize their hands after each communicant has received.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Josh Perry in the Office of Worship, 802-658-6110, ext. 1460.