

Pastoral Centre, Parish Offices and Parish Halls

On October 7, 2021, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced new provincial requirements regarding proof of vaccination requirements that are to come into effect by October 22, 2021. The Archdiocesan Covid-19 Subcommittee has reviewed these requirements as they pertain to the Pastoral Centre, Parish Offices and Parish Halls.

To ensure the safety of all involved and that we are compliant with the Public Health Special Measures Orders at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/life-during-covid-19/vaccination-record/businesses-and-organizations/>, further information was requested specific to RCEC. This information stated "The vaccine passport is not intended to apply to business and other office meetings". Based on the information received,

PARISH OFFICES AND THE PASTORAL CENTRE:

Parish Offices and the Pastoral Centre **do not** have to require Proof of Vaccination for the following:

- business related visitors;
- business and pastoral meetings;
- individuals who avail of Parish Food Banks;
- individuals who avail of Ruah counselling services;
- couples participating in Marriage Preparation Courses;
- Catechetical Instruction Meetings for Catechists and families;
- afterschool programs;

HOWEVER, the current Covid-19 guidelines must continue to be followed:

- Masks will need to be worn by everyone entering and moving around in offices and facilities or when physical distancing is not possible;
- The names and contact information of all visitors must be recorded and retained for 14 days for contact tracing, and must be shared with public health officials if requested;
- Physical distancing must be maintained between individuals from different family groups; and,
- 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

PARISH HALL EVENTS AND RENTALS;

Aside from the parish events listed above, all Parish Hall events and rentals must adhere to the Special Measures Order October 7th, 2021, that people ages 12 and older must present proof of vaccination or have an approved medical exemption to access:

- Bingo Halls
- Gatherings of any size that are hosted at a recognized business or organization, a rental room, community center or other venue used to host gatherings; Weddings, Funerals, Showers, Etc.

To Verify Proof of Vaccination:

1. The person's Covid-19 vaccination record QR code must be scanned using NLVaxVerify.
2. After verifying proof of vaccination, ID must be reviewed. For people 19 years of age and older, ID must include a photo as well as the person's name and date of birth.

Please note that an authorized member of the parish must be present during the event to ensure that all COVID 19 protocols are being followed.