



MEMO

To: Priests of the Diocese of Fargo
From: Rev. Jayson Miller,
Date: 3/2/2021
Re: COVID-19 Updates

Bishop Folda announces the following updates to the Covid-19 diocesan guidelines, **effective March 1, 2021**:

- While social distancing is to be maintained by individuals and clusters, pews need not be blocked off.
- For occupancy limits, please consult the ND Smart Restart protocols.
 - <https://ndresponse.gov/sites/www/files/documents/covid-19/ND%20Smart%20Restart/NDSmartRestart-LargeGatheringTieredCapacityDoc.pdf>

Neither of the above allowances are mandated or required. Pastors should continue to use prudence by following local health guidelines and mandates.

As a reminder, the following remain in place:

- The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- Confession is to be held in areas that allow for more space and air flow;
- The Eucharist is not distributed under the form of the cup/chalice;
- The Sign of Peace is not to be exchanged.