

## GUIDANCE FOR GATHERINGS/MEETINGS OF UP TO FIFTY (50) PEOPLE

Effective Monday, June 29, 2020, Governor Beshear has provided for groups of up to fifty (50) people to gather/meet. The Directives and Guidelines below, which conform to the state of Kentucky guidance, are for all gatherings/meetings outside of the public celebration of liturgy (see <https://www.cdlex.org/documents/2020/5/English.pdf> for Directives and Guidelines for the Resumption of Masses and other Liturgies during COVID-19) in the Catholic Diocese of Lexington until further notice.

### DIRECTIVES (Not Optional)

- Gatherings/Meetings of up to fifty (50) people during the course of regular parish business must abide by that parish's Healthy at Work guidance (see <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work> for minimum requirements mandated by the state of Kentucky).
- **All Attendees for Non-Church Groups** of up to fifty (50) people on parish grounds or in parish facilities **are required** to complete and sign the COVID-19 Waiver upon their arrival to the gathering/meeting. The completed and signed COVID-19 Waivers are to be submitted to a staff member designated by the pastor/rector/parish life director and filed in the parish office.
- All Groups of up to fifty (50) people must:
  - Communicate to individuals to stay home if sick and not attend a group event;
  - Encourage group members who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 to avoid in-person gatherings and remain Healthy at Home;
  - Practice social distancing of at least six (6) feet apart from people who are not part of one's household at all times;
  - Wear a cloth face covering or mask over the nose and mouth (except when eating or drinking);
  - Screen and exclude persons with fever, symptoms of COVID-19, and/or direct exposure to COVID-19;
  - **NOT** share food, drink, containers, plates, napkins, or utensils; and

**GUIDELINES** (At Discretion of Parish Leadership)

- All Groups of up to fifty (50) people should:
  - Socialize/meet via the internet, telephone, and other means that allow people to the greatest extent possible;
  - Limit the gathering size to the smallest number of people practicable;
  - Sanitize bathrooms and other high-touch surfaces frequently, ideally before and after each use whenever possible;
  - Discourage people from sharing items such as tools, sporting equipment, vehicles, cooking/grilling ware, and other high-touch objects;
  - Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth; and
  - Post signs to discourage handshakes, “high-fives,” and other direct person-to-person contact to reduce social pressure to engage in these common behaviors.