



DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

DATE: May 25, 2021
TO: Priests, Directors of Parish Life, Deacons, Parish Staff, Diocesan Staff
FROM: Karina Bak, Director of Human Resources
RE: **Recent COVID Guidelines Update**

Yesterday, May 24, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released the most current guidelines to the [*Gatherings and Face Mask Order, MCL 333.2253*](#). This order takes effect on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 12:01 am and remains in effect through July 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Below are the changes to prior updates.

Beginning June 1:

- **Indoor Gathering Capacity**
 - Indoor gatherings are permitted if the occupancy limit does not exceed the greater of:
 - 50% of the limits established by the State Fire Marshal or a local fire marshal (or 30 persons per 1,000 square feet if no applicable fire marshal limit exists);
 - or
 - 25 persons.
- **Outdoor Gathering Capacity**
 - No limits
- **Face mask requirement**
 - Any persons who are not fully vaccinated, two weeks past their last required dose of the COVID vaccine, are expected to wear a face mask.

The following are also permitted beginning June 1, 2021 as long as the above Indoor Gathering Capacity guidelines are followed:

- BINGO
- Parish Hall rentals
- Wedding and funeral luncheons

As noted, the above changes do not begin until June 1, 2021. Therefore, the [diocesan guidelines published on May 18](#) remain in effect until then. When the next Order becomes available we will review it and share changes to the diocesan guidelines as quickly as possible.