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# DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

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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.