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Date: May 31, 2021

To: Pastors, parish communicators, parish catechetical leaders, school principals and presidents

From: Maureen Smith, Director, Office of Communications

Re: Update to guidelines for in-parish gathering

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The Archdiocese of Atlanta has made updates to the COVID-19 reopening guidelines. The most significant is allowing non-liturgical gatherings in parish facilities. The new information is as follows:

Parishes can begin to allow internal as well as outside groups to use their facilities for more social gatherings starting in July if those groups agree to follow the Archdiocese of Atlanta guidelines, which are based on those from the CDC including: masks for those who are not vaccinated; maintaining a safe and reasonable distance between participants, which may mean limiting the number of people allowed based on space available; requiring that the group or renters keep good records of participants should contact tracing be needed; and providing a deep clean after each event. Parishes should see how they can increase ventilation in indoor spaces and encourage outdoor gatherings where possible. These guidelines are subject to change based upon local community conditions and parishes should keep groups informed if additional restrictions are needed.

There are also some updates to the FAQ about summer and fall youth activities. You can review the full set of guidelines [here](#).