



A Guide to Returning to Parish Operations and Ministry

2021 GUIDELINES *for* SUMMER PROGRAMMING IN PARISHES

- All state and local protocols/limits must be followed by each program and activity, including protocols for contact-tracing, social distancing, and face coverings.
- Face coverings are encouraged where social distance is not practical. Anyone who wishes to wear a face covering or exercise caution during an event or program must be allowed to do so without judgment or negative consequence.
- Each participant should screen themselves before attending each event. Any staff member or participant showing COVID-19 symptoms should not attend an activity session. Any staff member or participant who is under a quarantine period may not participate in a session/day until their quarantine is over or they present a negative COVID-19 test.
- Participants who exhibit symptoms during a program should be isolated immediately and picked up by parents. Any close contacts on the trip should also be isolated or sent home until the sick participant receives a negative test.
- Activities/programs should be held outdoors whenever possible. When indoors, facilities should have proper ventilation and air circulation and encourage social distancing.
- Heightened and thorough sanitation and cleaning protocols should be in place for all programs and activities
- Parishes should stay within the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee or within a 1 hour drive of your parish to limit the time participants will potentially be in a car with non-family members and make it possible for parents to quickly pick up their children if COVID-19 is suspected/detected in the group.
- Parishes should plan ahead in the event an adult gets sick shortly before an event or has to stay back with a teen exhibiting symptoms. It would not be acceptable to forgo proper safe environment or safe driver protocol in those instances.
- Participants and staff are encouraged to bring their own meals whenever possible. Snacks, drinks, and meals should be individually packaged/catered whenever possible. Meals prepared on site must be prepared and served by staff/adults wearing gloves. Buffets and self-serve meals are not permitted. Participants and staff should have their own water bottles and not share.
- Sleeping spaces should be spaced as far apart as possible – over 6’ is recommended. A separate room should be established for anyone who exhibits COVID symptoms during the night.
- Driving should be limited as much as possible. It is recommended that parents drop off their child at a location instead of organizing a carpool or bus. When carpooling, driving groups should remain constant throughout the trip. Masks should be worn while travelling.