

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Українська Католицька Архиепархія в Вінніпеґу

COVID – 19 Pandemic Archeparchy Directive # 7¹

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

In the light of the latest decision announced by the Government of Manitoba on 10 November 2020² in the hopes of finally curtailing the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus, the Archeparchy of Winnipeg is responding with the following immediate adjustments to its most recent Directives:

1. This is a provisional directive to answer some of the immediate questions raised since the November 10th announcement. More detailed directives will be issued as the situation is studied and accurate clarifications can be made.
2. Regular liturgies - especially the Sunday and daily Divine Liturgies - may be celebrated for the public online (e.g. via livestreaming) but may not be attended in person. To realize the livestreaming Liturgies there may be **three (3) persons** in attendance - a member of the clergy, a cantor and a technician to operate the broadcasting system.
3. For **Weddings** and **Funerals** [*and Baptisms*] a maximum of **five (5) persons** may be present as well as the presiding member of the clergy.³
4. Questions concerning reception of **Holy Communion** and **Confession**, etc. outside the context of the Divine Liturgy; will be decided as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Faithful should be encouraged to practice *Spiritual Holy Communion* and the **Act of Contrition** as described in earlier statements.⁴

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Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak

¹ Issued 9 November 2020 (Prot. H/97/2020)

² News Release "[All of Manitoba Moves to Critical \(Red\) on #RestartMB Pandemic Response System](#)" (10 November 2020)

³ Government of Manitoba "[Backgrounder](#)" concerning restrictions in place from 12:01 AM Thursday 12 November 2020

⁴ cf. Archeparchial Website: "[Covid-19 and Pastoral Care in the Archeparchy](#)"; "[The Importance of Sacramental Life](#)"