

Gov't of Ontario Zone	<b>Prevent</b> Standard Measures	<b>Protect</b> Strengthened Measures	<b>Restrict</b> Intermediate Measures	<b>Control</b> Stringent Measures	<b>Lockdown</b> Maximum Measures
	Diocesan AMBER Stage Guidelines (available <a href="#">here</a> )	Diocesan AMBER Stage Guidelines (available <a href="#">here</a> )	Diocesan AMBER Stage with the following modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All meetings/groups should be virtual except 12 step groups</li> <li>• If a meeting must be held in person, a max of 10 people for less than 1 hour</li> <li>• Facemasks must be worn by singers unless they are separated from others by an impenetrable barrier</li> <li>• No wind instruments</li> <li>• Pastoral visits should be done by phone or zoom unless there is a strong pastoral need for an in-person visit. Facemasks must be worn.</li> <li>• No permission will be given for exceptions to the AMBER Stage protocol0.</li> </ul>	Diocesan AMBER Stage with the following modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bishop recommends that in-person worship be suspended and replaced by video worship (recorded or live-streamed) or written worship materials delivered weekly (including sermon)</li> <li>• If a parish wishes to continue in-person worship, permission must be received from the bishop's office in writing</li> <li>• Only urgent in-person pastoral care visits are permitted. Facemasks must be worn.</li> <li>• No on-site meetings, rentals or gatherings except for food sustainability and 12-step programs</li> <li>• Parish staff should work from home where possible</li> </ul>	Diocesan RED Stage Guidelines (available <a href="#">here</a> )

### **Parish in a “Red Zone” (Civil Province of ON) requesting Permission to Hold In-Person Worship**

While the diocesan AMBER Stage protocols minimize the risk of COVID-19 being spread during worship in one of our churches, it does not reduce the risk to zero. Combined with the higher risk of general transmission of the disease within the Province of Ontario’s red zones, the Bishop recommends that parishes in red zones cease in-person worship. Parishes that have strong reasons for wishing to continue (or resume) in-person worship may request permission to do so. The following information is to be included in the request:

- Reason for continuing or resuming in-person worship
- What provision is being made for parishioners who cannot or choose not to worship in person?
- What is the maximum number of persons that you will have present for worship? (This will be the fewer of 50, the number that can be seated physically distanced or 30% of the capacity of your worship area)
- Include a diagram showing the seating plan.
- What training will be or has been provided to greeters and ushers?
- How will you ensure cleanliness and sanitization in regard to the following items and spaces? Worship leaflets/bulletins, prayer books, physical items such as pews, the altar, pulpit, lectern, kneelers, and communion rail, bathrooms, other common spaces or high-touch areas
- How will you sanitize worship and other spaces between any worship services? Who will perform this task?

Please submit the information to Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs in the Bishop’s office. [tphibbs@huron.anglican.ca](mailto:tphibbs@huron.anglican.ca) Parishes may not hold services until they have received written permission to do so.