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On Friday, November 20, 2020 the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will update the COVID-19 Status Dial to include a new color (purple) and a new level “Extreme Risk”. The small boxes below are a breakdown of what each color and level mean for places of worship and life rites. Pay special attention to the new level and color.

After consultation with the Sangre De Cristo Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, the Pontifical Thomistic Institute and the current Liturgical Guidelines Concerning Limited Public Mass issued from the Diocese of Pueblo on July 22, 2020, the larger, color-coded boxes represent how the new COVID-19 status dial applies to parishes in the Diocese of Pueblo.

**This document is meant to be used in conjunction with state and local public health orders.** More information and guidance regarding COVID-19 and liturgical matters can be found at [www.pueblocatholic.org](http://www.pueblocatholic.org). Please remember that no set of guidelines can address every scenario nor can they create uniformity across the various locations in the Diocese of Pueblo. Even with best practices, the risk of infection exists anytime a person leaves their house. Anyone in a higher risk age group, or showing symptoms of illness, should be encouraged to stay home and /or get tested for COVID-19. Participation in live streamed or recorded Masses along with making a spiritual communion keeps us in mind of our love of God and neighbor during these times and is a source of grace.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Office of Liturgy and Worship of the Diocese of Pueblo at [mchrisman@dioceseofpueblo.org](mailto:mchrisman@dioceseofpueblo.org) or 719-544-9861 ext. 1115.

	<b>Level Green: Protect our Neighbors</b>	<b>Level Blue: Safer at Home Cautious</b>	<b>Level Yellow: Safer at Home Concern</b>	<b>Level Orange: Safer at Home High Risk</b>	<b>Level Red: Safer at Home Severe Risk</b>	<b>Level Purple: Safer at Home Extreme Risk</b>
<b>Places of Worship</b> (Indoor seated function)	50% Capacity or 500 people	50% Capacity or 175 people	50% Capacity or 100 people	25% Capacity or 50 people	25% Capacity or 50 people	Remote, virtual services. 10 people
<b>Places of Worship</b> (Outdoors)	6 feet between parties, per local zoning	6 feet between parties, per local zoning	6 feet between parties, per local zoning	6 feet between parties, per local zoning	6 feet between parties, per local zoning	6 feet between parties, per local zoning

(Taken from [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov) “What Are the Capacity Restrictions at Each Level?”)

<p><b>Choir Guidelines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to 6 people including instrumentalists from levels <b>Blue to Purple</b>.</li> <li>Separated 6-foot physical distance in a single line at least 12-feet from the congregation from levels <b>Blue to Purple</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Level Purple: Extreme Risk</b></p>	<p><b><u>REMOTE, VIRTUAL SERVICES ARE ENCOURAGED</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call ahead to reserve space (<b>max capacity at 10 people, including celebrant and all ministers</b>).</li> <li>Dispensed from Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>An individual cantor must remain a minimum of 12-feet physical distance from the congregation.</li> <li>Face coverings or masks are to be worn.</li> <li>6-foot physical distancing is to be observed between people.</li> <li>6-foot physical distancing is to be observed during communion by placing tape or other markers on the floor</li> <li>People may sit in their cars and participate via livestream or radio broadcast receiving communion at the end of Mass according to the Diocesan Liturgical Guidelines issued on 7/22/20.</li> <li>The 10 people permitted in the church may choose to receive communion at the normal time during Mass per the Diocesan Liturgical Guidelines issued on 7/22/20.</li> <li>Collection baskets may not be passed from person to person.</li> <li>Hand sanitizer should be made available at all entrances.</li> <li>The church building is to be sanitized as per the CDC guidelines between each Mass.</li> <li>If all available space is full do not admit additional people to the church building.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Level Red: Severe Risk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call ahead to reserve space in the church (<b>max capacity of 25% or 50 people, including celebrant and all ministers</b>).</li> <li>Dispensed from Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>An individual cantor must remain a minimum of 12-feet physical distance from the congregation.</li> <li>Face coverings or masks are to be worn.</li> <li>6-foot physical distancing is to be observed between people.</li> <li>6-foot physical distancing is to be observed during communion by placing tape or other markers on the floor</li> <li>People may sit in their cars and participate via livestream or radio broadcast receiving communion at the end of Mass according to the Diocesan Liturgical Guidelines issued on 7/22/20.</li> <li>The 25% or 50 people permitted in the church may choose to receive communion at the normal time during Mass per the Diocesan Liturgical Guidelines issued on 7/22/20.</li> <li>Collection baskets may not be passed from person to person.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Level Orange: High Risk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call ahead to reserve space <b>(max capacity of 25% or 50 people, including celebrant and all ministers)</b>.</li> <li>• Dispensed from Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed between people.</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed during communion by placing tape or other markers on the floor.</li> <li>• An individual cantor must remain a minimum of 12-feet physical distance from the congregation.</li> <li>• Face coverings or masks are to be worn.</li> <li>• Those in the church Communion may be distributed at the normal time following the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option II</li> <li>• People may sit in their cars and participate via livestream or radio broadcast.</li> <li>• Those in the parking lot Communion may be distributed according to the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option I</li> <li>• Collection baskets may not be passed from person to person.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer should be made available at all entrances.</li> <li>• The church building is to be sanitized as per the CDC guidelines between each Mass.</li> <li>• If all available space is full do not admit additional people to the church building.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Level Yellow: Concern</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call ahead to reserve space <b>(max capacity at 50% or 100 people, including celebrant and all ministers)</b>.</li> <li>• Dispensed from Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed between people.</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed during communion by placing tape or other markers on the floor.</li> <li>• An individual cantor must remain a minimum of 12-feet physical distance from the congregation.</li> <li>• Face coverings or masks are to be worn.</li> <li>• People may sit in their cars and participate via livestream or radio broadcast.</li> <li>• Those in the parking lot Communion may be distributed according to the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option I</li> <li>• Those in the church Communion may be distributed at the normal time following the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option II</li> <li>• Collection baskets may not be passed from person to person.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer should be made available at all entrances.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Level Blue: Cautious</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call ahead to reserve space (<b>max capacity at 50% or 175 people, including celebrant and all ministers</b>).</li> <li>• Dispensed from Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>• An individual cantor must remain a minimum of 12-feet physical distance from the congregation.</li> <li>• Face coverings or masks are to be worn.</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed between people.</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed during communion by placing tape or other markers on the floor.</li> <li>• People may sit in their cars and participate via livestream or radio broadcast.</li> <li>• Those in the parking lot Communion may be distributed according to the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option I</li> <li>• Those in the church Communion may be distributed at the normal time following the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option II</li> <li>• Collection baskets may not be passed from person to person.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer should be made available at all entrances.</li> <li>• The church building is to be sanitized as per the CDC guidelines between each Mass.</li> <li>• If all available space is full do not admit additional people to the church building.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Level Green: Protect our Neighbors</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call ahead to reserve space (<b>max capacity at 50% or 500 people, including celebrant and all ministers</b>).</li> <li>• Dispensed from Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>• An individual cantor must remain a minimum of 12-feet physical distance from the congregation.</li> <li>• A small choir of no more than 12 people, including instrumentalists may be used.</li> <li>• Face coverings or masks are to be worn.</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed between people.</li> <li>• 6-foot physical distancing is to be observed during communion by placing tape or other markers on the floor.</li> <li>• People may sit in their cars and participate via livestream or radio broadcast.</li> <li>• Those in the parking lot Communion may be distributed according to the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option I</li> <li>• Those in the church Communion may be distributed at the normal time following the 7/22/20 Liturgical Guidelines: Option II</li> <li>• Collection baskets may not be passed from person to person.</li> </ul>

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