



# The Diocese of Rupert's Land

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Bishop of Rupert's Land

## Bishop's Directive

April 29, 2020

To: Rupert's Land Leadership

Greetings in Christ,

Today our Manitoba Premier unveiled Manitoba's roadmap to expanding services safely. This will see the easing of restriction on businesses while keeping physical distancing measures in place.

As of May 4, a variety of non-essential workplaces will have the option to reopen under strict guidelines. All businesses and venues will be required to continue following social distancing and stringent cleaning practices.

For Rupert's Land, this means that beginning May 4, 2020, we will:

- Reopen church offices maintaining a physical distance of 10 square meters between all workers. This will include any business meetings conducted in the church, including but not limited to vestry meetings and bible study.
- Worship in the church building but strictly limiting the number of people in the building to 10. That means 10 people in the church building at any one time, regardless of the nature of the work they are performing.
- Limit Eucharist to bread only and ensure the safe handling of the bread.
- Exercise extreme caution as we respond to this ever-changing situation

The rules will be changing as times goes on, and further directives will be issued as necessary. The experts upon whom I am relying, are certain that we will experience a second wave this fall which will necessitate a review of these guidelines.

Here is the link to the latest government bulletin: <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47665>

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