



DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

DATE: May 21, 2021
TO: Priests, Directors of Parish Life, Deacons, Parish Staff, Diocesan Staff
FROM: Karina Bak, Director of Human Resources
RE: **Recent COVID Guidelines Update**

Yesterday, May 20, Governor Whitmer announced the re-evaluation of her “MI Vacc to Normal” Plan. The focus will now shift from the percentage of Michiganders who have received a COVID vaccine to specified dates. A summary is as follows:

Beginning June 1:

- Indoor gathering capacity limits will increase to 50%.
- There will be no capacity limits for outdoor gatherings.

Beginning July 1:

- The *Gatherings and Face Mask Order* will expire.
 - The State of Michigan reserves the right to change this date if unexpected conditions arise.
 - The State of Michigan may create a more focused order to protect the vulnerable populations.

As noted, the above changes do not begin to go into effect until June 1, 2021. Therefore, the [diocesan guidelines published on May 18](#) remain in effect for the time being. Next Monday, May 24, a new epidemic order is to be released; we will review that order when made available and share changes to our diocesan guidelines as quickly as possible.