

Archdiocese of Denver implementing changes in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Archdiocese is now asking our parishes, schools, clergy and parishioners to take extra precautions to help prevent the spread of the virus, and we are implementing several temporary changes to the celebration of Mass. This is being done to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and protect those who are most vulnerable to the virus.

INDIVIDUALS



- Coronavirus symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath. If you experience these symptoms, call your health care provider. *Call first so they can determine your risk factors to others.*
- Coronavirus is spread person to person or by contact with contaminated objects – similar to how the flu is spread.
- If you are sick, stay home and limit your contact with others.
- Take steps to keep you and your family healthy:
 - » Regularly wash your hands.
 - » Avoid contact with people who are sick.
 - » Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
 - » Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces.
 - » Begin planning for how your family would manage if someone has to miss school/work.

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HOLY MASS



- Remove Holy Water from the hand-fonts and have hand sanitizer available at all entrances.
- Suspend the exchange of the Sign of Peace, or announce that it can be done with a simple bow. Also, no handholding during the Lord's Prayer.
- Highly recommended that Holy Communion only be distributed in the hand.
- Reinforce procedures for having Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion sanitize their hands prior to Communion.
- Keep gifts of bread and wine covered on credence table - no offertory procession.
- The collection may be conducted in a manner that limits the number of hands touching the basket.
- The faithful are not obliged to attend Mass if they are sick. Staying home is an act of charity towards fellow parishioners.

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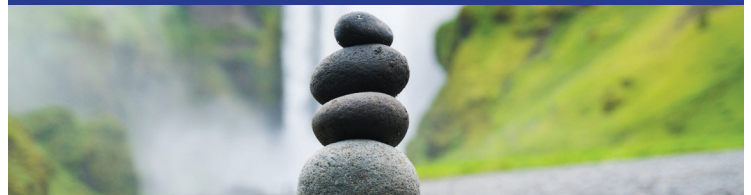
PARISHES / SCHOOLS



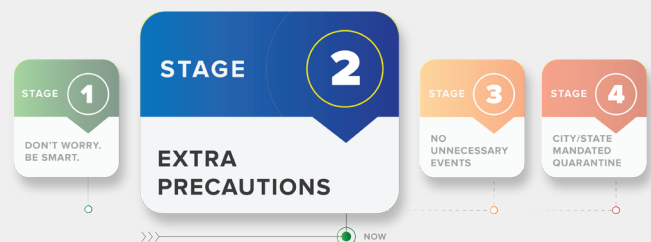
- Emphasize that employees/students should stay home if they are sick.
 - » Explore remote-work and classwork options.
 - » Develop plans for operations with limited staff and substitute teachers.
 - » Consider postponing unnecessary community events.
- Actively promote best health practices and offer ample hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.
- Increase routine environmental cleaning, including doorknobs, light switches, etc.
- Request that if any employees or students have had direct exposure to someone with COVID-19, they alert their supervisor/teacher.
- Begin planning for the possibility of extending your school year if class days are missed.

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OUR PRIORITIES



- Reducing chances of transmission among our communities.
- Protecting people who are at a higher risk for adverse health complications.
- Maintaining business and school operations.
- Minimizing disruptions of essential services provided to the community.



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