

Pandemic Preparation for Catechetics Archdiocese of Winnipeg

In the event of a nation wide communicable illness, it is recommended that those with flu like symptoms absent themselves from catechetical gatherings/sessions.

1. Notices to Parents:

Coordinators will remind children and catechists to take precautions to improve general hygiene in order to prevent becoming infected and from spreading infection to others. At the same time we would also advise parents to take steps at home to limit the spreading of infection.

These include:

- Washing your hands often and teaching others to do the same.
- Keeping your hands away from your mouth, nose, and eyes.
- Not sharing eating utensils or drinks, or school supplies such as pencils, rulers or musical instruments with mouthpieces.
- Covering your cough or coughing into your elbow.
- Getting a vaccine (when available).
- Staying home if you are sick.

2. Catechetical Spaces:

- Each room or space used for a session must contain a hand sanitizer and box of tissue.
- Following each session tables are to be wiped with a disinfecting spray.

3. Attendance:

- Anyone who is sick needs to stay home, including those involved in any sacramental preparation program.
- To prepare for the occasion a catechist is ill, try to have one or two substitutes that could be called on.

4. Cancellation of Catechetical Gatherings:

- This could occur if the civil authorities ban public assemblies.