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## Memorandum

To: Parishes in Westman and Parkland Deaneries

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Date: August 21, 2020

Re: Prairie Mountain Health Region COVID-19 Restrictions Update

As you may be aware the Provincial Government has updated COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings for the Prairie Mountain Health Region. Parishes in both the Parkland and Westman deaneries are affected by these new restrictions. Effective **Monday, August 24, 2020**, there will be a restriction on indoor and outdoor gatherings to ten (10) people. While these new restrictions do not apply to 'Faith Gatherings' including Mass, they will apply to the celebration of weddings, funerals and baptisms. (The current restrictions on gatherings for Mass, including social distancing, remain.) The use of face masks is also required for all public gatherings.

I would ask that you inform your parishioners of these new restrictions. According to the government these rules will stay in place for at least two weeks. If any changes are announced this memo will be updated.

Thank you.