**RE & YM Social Distancing Guidelines for summer in Phase II of the Diocese of Green Bay Re-start Plan**

 *These are the guidelines for Religious* *Education and Youth Ministry events in our diocese for Phase II of the diocesan re-start plan for parishes. Please follow all federal, state, county and local directives and guidelines related to safety and to the mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The following applies to Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, Catechists, Volunteers, Chaperones, Parents/Guardians (or any other adults involved in RE or YM related activities) and to students:

* Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
* Avoid touching your face.
* Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
* Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
* We strongly advise that adults and students use face coverings when around others who are not a part of your immediate household; and especially when around those that are most vulnerable (those over 65 and those with underlying conditions).
* If you do not feel well stay home. If you exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 (including cold, flu or allergy symptoms or if you have a fever or a cough) stay home.
* Check temperatures of everyone coming to the building or joining your group for an event. Please defer to CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services for guidance.
* Continue social distancing: Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others who are not part of your immediate household.
* In the course of ministry, avoid contact with those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 (those over 65 years old and with those with underlying medical conditions).
* If you or someone in your immediate household has tested positive or has come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 please self-quarantine (do not participate in person at any RE or YM classes, meetings or activities for 14 days after exposure).
* Avoid being in tight enclosed areas that make social distancing impossible. A best practice at this time would be to have students transported by their parents or guardians.
* Make sure that permission forms and waivers are up to date- consider having parents sign new ones designed for the specific event or activity.
* Out of state trips, out of state mission trips and out of state youth trips and service trips are strongly discouraged at this time.
* Groups during this phase can meet provided they are no larger than 50 people and that you are able to take temperatures of all participants. Face coverings are strongly recommended and social distancing of 6 feet between each person is required. If indoors the room should be well ventilated and have sufficient space for the required social distancing of at least 6 feet between each person and must be sanitized before and after use. All are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings. For travel by bus the limit is 25 people on a bus that can hold 50 or more, allowing for staggered seating so that people are at least 6 feet apart. Temperatures must be taken prior to embarking, and face coverings are strongly recommended. For smaller buses, vans or other smaller vehicles, the number of people will be limited to the number of people that can be safely seated while allowing for social distancing of at least 6 feet between each person. Temperatures must be taken, and face coverings are strongly recommended.
* All these guidelines are in addition to our diocesan Safe Environment and Field Trip polices.
* For any questions or clarification please contact the Child and Youth Faith Formation Director Maximus Cabey (mcabey@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8288) or the Child and Youth Faith Formation Assistant Director, Callie Kowalski (ckowalski@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8285).

Please refer to the Diocese website for a detailed list of resources. The web address is [www.gbdioc.org/front-page/covid19response](http://www.gbdioc.org/front-page/covid19response)