

Phase 2: Resuming Weekend Masses

- 1. **Procedures:** During phase 2 parishes will follow identical liturgical, hygienic, and cleaning procedures to phase 1.
- 2. Additional Considerations: Phase 2 will create new risk factors, related to larger attendance at any particular Mass, and less time to clean between Masses.
 - a. Parishes should use phase 1 to evaluate how long it takes to clean worship space. Based on experience, parishes might consider changing Mass times to provide for adequate cleaning time between Masses, or recruiting additional volunteers for assistance.
 - b. Parishes should use phase 1, and normal weekend Mass attendance, to consider how many additional people they might expect at weekend Masses. For some parishes attendance might still be low enough that additional adjustments are not necessary. Other parishes might be required to take additional steps such as:
 - i. Dividing parish by alphabet, by last name, and asking for segments to attend any particular Mass.
 - ii. Asking for RSVP's, whether through sign up genius, Eventbrite, or another platform to reserve space. Parishes should create a rotation that ensures every interested parishioner can attend Mass once before others can reserve multiple Masses.
 - iii. Adding additional Masses to spread out congregation.
 - iv. Moving weekend Masses outdoors, or setting up overflow seating to increase possible numbers.
 - c. Because of additional cleaning and additional numbers, parishes should consider if more volunteers or ushers will be necessary at any given Mass.
- 3. **Timeline for Phase 2:** The diocese will give permission for counties to move into phase 2 after three criteria are met.
 - a. Parishes must have successfully completed at least two weeks of phase 1.
 - b. Parishes must have articulated a plan to address additional numbers and cleaning. This can be done during weekly phone check-ins with diocesan staff.
 - c. Parishes must be in a county that has not seen a significant increase in positive cases in recent weeks.