

Face Coverings Required in Church

In light of new statewide guidance issued by the Governor on June 29, face coverings are required for all people gathered in Roman Catholic churches in all counties in western Oregon in both Phases 1 and 2 of reopening. Those are excepted who perform “activity that makes wearing a mask...not feasible,” like the presider (throughout Mass) and the lectors/cantors (while reading/singing). Exceptions are also made for people with disabilities and children 12 and under. Children 2 and under should not wear masks. By archdiocesan requirement, masks must still be used by ministers when distributing Holy Communion. Oregon Health Authority information for faith communities here: [OHA Face Masks Memo](#).