

Diocese of Green Bay Guidelines for Returning To Parish Offices and Activities

Guiding Principles:

Bold Faith and Prudent Safety
Monitor Data and Measured Response
Collaboration between diocesan monitoring team and local pastor/pastoral leader
Follow the Process

Assumption:

Diocesan Gateways that would remain in place to guide parish offices and activities:

Tracking trajectory of Covid-like cases

Tracking trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests

Tracking that hospitals can treat patients without crisis standards of care

Safer at Home and Phase I:

For the most part, parish offices and activities have been operating according to the Safer at Home and Phase I guidelines (see Diocese of Green Bay Parish Restart Plan)

Phase II:

Many parishes are in a position to initiate Phase II (see Diocese of Green Bay Restart Plan)

Phase II shall take into consideration any county health stipulations

Diocesan Gateways must be in line before moving from Phase I to Phase II

Phase I safety protocols remain in place

Each pastor/pastoral leader, in collaboration with the Diocesan Monitoring Team, will monitor the state and local data and appropriate measured response

If the diocesan gateways and county stipulations are addressed satisfactorily, a Phase II return to parish offices and activities can begin on June 15, 2020.

This approach, with the monitored data and measured response in place, also acknowledges that each parish has the flexibility to go back and forth between the Phases depending upon the evolving circumstances related to the coronavirus in the weeks/months ahead and in consultation with the Diocesan Monitoring Team.

A good communication plan should be in place to communicate with parishioners to prepare for Phase II or any changes that may be necessary because of a change in local circumstances.