This addendum provides guidance to support ministries in the Diocese of Saint Cloud for counties that are below High community levels of COVID-19, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). For more information on your county’s COVID-19 community level, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

When your county is below High community levels of COVID-19

- **Ministries are not required to use quarantine measures for close contacts.** Close contacts are individuals who have been within 6 ft of an infected person for more than 15 minutes within a 24-hour period
  - Close contacts should watch for symptoms of COVID-19, and if any develop, get tested
- **Participants who are sick must stay home**
  - For severe infections, students or employees must isolate for at least 10 days, or until symptoms improve and there has been no fever for at least 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication
  - For further guidance, see: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html
- **Social distancing and cohorting measures may be discontinued**
- **Youth programs must report confirmed cases of COVID-19**, in accordance with MN Rule 4605.7070: https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=AD9CT3P3NNFY4A4E
- **For overnight programs:**
  - Ministries may discontinue requiring vaccination of participants
  - Ministries may discontinue requiring a negative COVID-19 of participants
  - Protocols for handling symptoms of sickness must be in place
    - It is recommended to have a small supply of rapid COVID-19 tests on hand
    - Sick participants must be isolated and if necessary, return home

For all other issues of COVID-19 mitigation practices, ministries will continue to use the Parish/Diocesan Ministries COVID-19 Preparedness Guidance, revised 9.2.21.