

THE DIOCESE OF PUEBLO COVID FAQ:

As a Diocese, we get asked a lot of questions about COVID-19 as I'm sure you can imagine! Below are some FAQ's that we hope can help answer your questions and concerns:

1.) Has the Sunday obligation for Mass attendance been reinstated?

Yes! As of May 23 -- the feast of Pentecost -- the Bishops of Colorado made a joint decision to lift the dispensation and restore the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. Here's a joint letter from the Bishops of Colorado about "Returning to Mass":

[Return to Mass Colorado Bishop's Joint Letter | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

2.) What if I don't feel safe returning to Mass?

If you're concerned about COVID safety and returning to Mass, please read this:

[Return to Mass FAQ | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

3.) What does the Church teach about vaccines?

Hear from the Colorado Bishops regarding vaccines:

[Bishops of Colorado Joint Letter Regarding the vaccine | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

[Colorado Bishops' letter on COVID-19 vaccines | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

Hear from the USCCB regarding vaccines:

[U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines Q and A | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

[The Moral Permissibility of Covid-19 Vaccines | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

4.) Is the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine morally acceptable for me to use?

Many have questions regarding the ethical application of the J&J Vaccine.

Please read this statement from the USCCB:

[U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine | Diocese of Pueblo](#)

5.) Do I have to get vaccinated in order to attend Mass?

No. You are not required to be vaccinated in order to attend Mass.

6.) Should I wear a mask and socially distance at Mass?

This decision is made by the local pastor according to the recommendations of the local health officials. There has been no universal “COVID Mandate” issued by the diocese. It is not possible to address the differing recommendations given by health officials in the 29 counties we encompass by a universal mandate. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local pastor.

7.) Are Priests, Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers required to be vaccinated in order to distribute Communion?

No. The diocese strongly recommends but does not require a vaccination. Per the HIPAA Act, this information is legally protected according to rights to privacy granted to all.

8.) Where does The Diocese of Pueblo stand on COVID?

From the beginning of the pandemic, the Diocese of Pueblo has promoted a consistent and comprehensive process for celebrating the sacraments while keeping parishioners safe. Our stance purely derives from Church teaching and Christian moral principles. We take into consideration the guidelines given by the state and local health authorities, the USCCB and the Thomistic Institute in order to promote sacred and safe worship spaces.

9.) Will the Diocese be releasing more information, resources and statements regarding COVID in the future?

As more information becomes available, we will bring that to you. We provide all updates on our website www.dioceseofpueblo.org and share it through our bi-weekly E-News *The Living Garden*. If you haven't already, please subscribe! [The Living Garden e-news | Diocese of Pueblo](#) That way you can stay informed with the latest news, updates and more!

We pray these FAQ's provided some clarity and we want to thank all who are working so hard to make our worship spaces sacred and safe!