

# DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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MELBOURNE**

- **Revised Restrictions**

Dear brothers and sisters

## Revised Restrictions

From Friday, 22 October, revised restrictions come into force.


Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors apart from the one person speaking/leading/preaching at the time. QR code access, linked to vaccination status is required. COVID check-in marshals must be in attendance and checking access. The 4sqm rule applies to all activity on church sites, other than in regional Victoria, outdoor services of fully vaccinated are 2sqm.

As we have said before, children under 16 are regarded as vaccinated. Children over 1 year old are counted as part of the attendance limit. Anyone with an official medical exemption is regarded as vaccinated. There are strict guidelines on medical exemptions and permanent exemptions are every rare. Authorised GPs must be consulted.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Greater Melbourne</b>	<b>Regional Victoria</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Church services – fully vaccinated	Up to 20 indoors Up to 50 outdoors	Up to 30 indoors Up to 100 outdoors (2sqm)	Clergy fully vaccinated. Unsure yet if clergy are part of the number or extra.
Funerals and weddings – fully vaccinated	Up to 20 indoors Up to 50 outdoors	Up to 30 indoors Up to 100 outdoors (2sqm)	Those leading the services are in addition; clergy fully vaccinated
Church services – unknown status	Up to 10 indoors Up to 20 outdoors	Up to 20 indoors Up to 20 outdoors	Clergy do not have to be vaccinated. Unsure yet if clergy are part of the number or extra.
Funerals and weddings – unknown status	Up to 10 indoors	Up to 20 indoors	Those leading services are in addition; clergy do not have to be vaccinated.
Op shops	Open for outdoor trade only	Open	Workers must have had at least one dose of vaccine
Groups in church facilities	Up to 20 people fully vaccinated or 10 unknown status onsite at any one time	Up to 30 people fully vaccinated or 20 unknown status onsite at any one time.	
Meetings, etc, in homes	Up to 10 visitors per day	Up to 10 visitors per day	Vaccination status depends on the residents of the home
Broadcasting services	Up to 20 fully vaccinated; up to 10 status unknown	Up to 30 fully vaccinated; up to 20 status unknown	We are assuming the limits for indoor services here.

The website for the diocesan COVID pages is [here](#). If the question is not addressed there, please email (not text message) Bishop Paul directly: [bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au).

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Melbourne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier  
Archbishop of Melbourne