

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear brothers and sisters

We bring you some updates of information.

Archbishop Philip's video for this week

The link for this week's video "Playing the full game" is [here](#):

Vaccination

We remind you that all clergy must send a copy of their vaccination status to their bishop before doing any permitted work outside their homes.

All clergy, volunteers and workers in a fully vaccinated service must be fully vaccinated. Any clergy, volunteers and workers in an open, status unknown service do not need to be vaccinated. All clergy, volunteers and workers doing other church work on church premises must have had a single dose of vaccine by this Friday, 22 October. This includes maintenance, gardening, broadcasting a service, offering essential food or other relief, staff in op shops, and working in the church office. All volunteers and workers must have their vaccination status recorded by the Vicar.

FAQ

Those essential for leading a service are additional to the number limits for general services and funerals. The celebrant is additional to the number limits for weddings.

There is no restriction on singing, other than wearing masks.

Refreshments may be served before or after a service but the 4sqm rule applies to the space where refreshments are served and consumed, and people should be seated for refreshments, so they do not gather closely together. If possible, consuming refreshments outside is safer. There must be no sharing of food or utensils.



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We do not expect there will be a minimum time between services other than that there must be no overlap onsite of people from separate services. People from one service must have left the premises before people for another service arrive. There is no minimum cleaning requirement after each service, but we recommend cleaning toilets, door handles and other frequently touched surfaces often.

Clergy and staff are encouraged to work from home if possible.

Holy Communion remains bread only or individual cups. The celebrant should avoid droplets or aerosols over the elements and should distribute wearing a mask.

The group limits in last Monday's email apply across the whole site. You cannot have separate groups meeting unless the total number does not exceed the limit. You cannot have separate groups meeting outside and indoors at the same time.

Op shop correction

There was an error in the last update. Op shop staff must have had at least one dose of vaccine by this Friday, 22 October.

User groups

Employers are responsible to ensure that their staff adhere to whatever rules apply in their industry. We suggest parishes check with the employers of external groups such as hall hires, rentals, contract cleaners, about the vaccination status of their staff.

We may send another newsletter on Friday if we receive more detail on the restrictions. We are hoping for more detail on the responsibilities of enforcing the QR code and check-in procedure.

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.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus



Archbishop Philip Freier