

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear brothers and sisters

We bring you some updates of information.

Vaccination records

As we have stated before, vicars must keep a record of the vaccination status of all volunteers and workers. The record should note the following:

- The name of the volunteer or worker
- Their vaccination status (and booking date if they still require a second dose)
- What evidence was provided (for example, Service Vic app, Medicare app, digital certificate, immunisation history).
- Who saw the evidence
- The date the evidence was seen

No other personal details are to be recorded. We are not to keep copies of the actual vaccine certificates for privacy concerns.

No doubt many of you have already started recording details, and we apologise that this information is late. We suggest keeping the above record from now on rather than having to inspect information again.

We've been asked a few times who qualifies to be a worker/volunteer. Does it include ushers or Bible readers, for example? There is no clear rule on this, but we suggest that those with key roles in services (lay readers, musicians, technical operators, servers, clergy) at least are volunteers/workers.

We do not keep records of vaccination status of people attending services. The above applies only to workers/volunteers.

Travel work permits

Work travel permits are no longer needed after today.



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Shared books

Please use discretion in your parish whether to use common prayerbooks, hymnbooks, and pew Bibles. If they are only used once or twice a week, it should be quite safe to use them.

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