

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear brothers and sisters

The detailed restrictions have now been published, and below are a couple of clarifications from what we previously had expected.

Groups

Groups, church or external, cannot meet indoors yet in greater Melbourne. We had expected this to be possible. Fully vaccinated groups of up to 50 people can meet outdoors. We anticipate indoor groups in greater Melbourne to be possible by 5 November.

In regional Victoria, fully vaccinated groups can meet indoors with 30 people and outdoors with 100. A group not fully vaccinated is limited to 20, indoors or outdoors.

Weddings

For all weddings, the celebrant, couple and photographer are in addition to the number limit. The witnesses are part of the number limit.

COVID-safe plans

We remind you to have an up to date COVID-safe plan. We have been told of spot checks on businesses in Geelong asking for COVID-safe plans. Please update your COVID-safe plans, including for QR code check-in and checking vaccination status.

Apparently, you need a printed version available. The template for COVID-safe plans is on our website page near the bottom of the page. You do not need to send this in to Registry.

We encourage maximum ventilation in buildings for services and groups.



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Checking vaccination status

The church and COVID check-in marshal must require people to produce vaccination evidence for a fully vaccinated service and ensure that 'all reasonable steps' are taken to ensure that people of unknown vaccination status do not enter a premises for a fully vaccinated service. The individual also has an obligation not to enter. If the person is known, and they insist on entry, that person ought to be reported to authorities. There are some government resources [here](#) that may be useful.

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

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

Archbishop Philip Freier