

# DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

## 7 July 2021

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Dear brothers and sisters

### Archbishop's weekly video

Archbishop is still on leave. Bishop Brad is Vicar-General and has recorded this week's video "Reflections on a personal experience of the pandemic" [here](#).

### Changes in restrictions

From this Friday, 9 July, all churches can have attendance at 2sqm rule without a maximum number. Masks must be worn indoors by everyone at a service (apart from one person at any one time leading/singing or preaching). A COVID check-in marshal must be present at each entry to ensure people check-in by QR code or on a kiosk. If there is no COVID check-in marshal, then the 4sqm rule applies.

Weddings and funerals remain at 300 maximum, but at 2sqm rule (with a COVID check-in marshal) or 4sqm rule without.

Meetings and groups have no limits of attendance but are under the 2sqm rule if there is a COVID check-in marshal or 4sqm rule without.

Those working in church offices need not wear masks. When visitors come to the office or for meetings, masks must be worn.

### Cleaning

There is no specific regulation for cleaning places of worship. We recommend regularly cleaning high-touch places where people place their hands, such as doors, handles, the backs of chairs, and toilets. Cleaning seats and pews is less critical unless they are being used frequently. Avoid sharing utensils and books, although if the church is used only weekly, shared prayerbooks and hymnbooks are less of a risk.

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



Bishop Paul Barker

