

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The latest news and information from the Diocese.

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The Archbishop's weekly video

"Covid normal", this week's video, is found [here](#).

Livestreaming update

The maximum of five people for livestreaming or recording has been removed in the latest directions. Any service, indoors or outdoors, can be recorded or livestreamed and those involved with the recording are counted as part of the congregation.

Singing – further update

Small choirs or singers should only perform in well-ventilated indoor settings and must be limited to a maximum of five singers or wind instrument players. Performers must be 2m apart and 5m from the congregation. Singing outdoors is fine. Masks must be worn for all congregational singing, indoors and outdoors. We continue our recommendation to minimise congregational singing indoors, even with masks.

Time between services

DHHS recommends thirty minutes between services/gatherings to ensure no overlap between groups.

No concurrent gatherings

There can only be one gathering at a time, whether indoors or outdoors. This suggests that two groups of ten indoors in separate spaces are somehow the same service or gathering.



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Funeral wakes and wedding refreshments

A wake is not part of a funeral and refreshments for weddings are not part of the wedding. So any food and drink comes under hospitality restrictions for numbers and not the numbers for funerals and weddings.

Gardening and lawns

There are no restrictions on the number of people working on gardens and lawns outdoors. Wear masks and keep socially distant. The 4sqm rule applies overall and workers must be 1.5m from each other.

Music webinar on singing psalms and laments

This webinar is run by Australian musicians from EMU music on Thursday, 19 November, at 8.30pm. See [here](#) for details.

Diocesan information and resources related to the pandemic are updated regularly on the diocesan [website](#) under four main headings: online church, wellbeing, resources for ministry and mission, diocesan information.

Questions or concerns about restrictions or annual meetings can be directed to Bishop Paul: bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au. Please avoid asking other staff in order to save their time.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,



Archbishop Philip Freier