

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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The latest news and information from the Diocese.

Archbishop's weekly video

The Archbishop's weekly video "Hope at the heart of resilience" is [here](#).

Changes in restrictions – greater Melbourne

From midnight Thursday, 10 June, churches in greater Melbourne can have up to 50 people plus one leader for church services, indoors or outdoors, subject to 4sqm rule. Weddings can occur with a total of 10 people present, including the celebrant and couple. Funerals can occur with 50 mourners plus those required to conduct the service. Masks must be worn indoors apart from one person leading at any one time. Meetings cannot happen in homes.

Meetings and groups (non-exercise or sport) can occur, up to 10 people in each group and up to 50 in the facilities at any one time. The 4sqm rule applies for each space.

Op shops can open, and fetes and markets can occur, but the density requirement is 1 person per 4sqm and the Service Victoria QR code system is mandatory for anyone attending. People without smartphones will need to be checked in by someone and only in exceptional circumstances can a non-electronic recording system be used for them.

One quarter of staff, or up to 10 people, can work from church offices but QR code check-in is mandatory for everyone.

Changes in restrictions – regional Victoria

From midnight Thursday, 10 June, churches in regional Victoria can have up to 75 people indoors, under the 4sqm limit. Weddings can occur with a total of 20 people present, including the celebrant and couple. Funerals can occur with 75 mourners plus those required to conduct the service. Masks must still be worn indoors.



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Meetings and groups can occur, up to 10 people in each group and up to 75 in the facilities indoors at any one time. The 4sqm rule applies for each space.

Half the staff, or up to 20 people, can work from church offices but QR code check-in is mandatory for everyone.

If clergy from Melbourne lead services in regional Victoria, or if people from Melbourne attend weddings or funerals in regional Victoria, the limits that apply in greater Melbourne will apply.

Check-in kiosk

The government has launched an alternative check-in for those who do not have smartphones. All those with Service Victoria QR codes should have received information on this already. The details about the kiosk can be found [here](#). One parish has reported difficulties in using it on a chrome browser but found it worked on Firefox.

Parishes will need to provide someone with a laptop, tablet or smartphone to enter on their device anyone who does not have a smartphone. Papers records will no longer be allowed so please introduce this system soon. Everyone who attends must register attendance by their smartphone or through this kiosk.

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



Archbishop Philip Freier