

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear brothers and sisters

We bring you some updates of information.

Archbishop Philip's video for this week

The blessings of a new day"" the link for this week's video message is [here](#):

Small churches

We have been promised that churches under 100sqm can have 25 fully vaccinated people attending, regardless of the 4sqm rule. This is not yet in writing but we will confirm it when we can.

Op shops

The government has now clarified that customers to op shops do not need to be vaccinated. Staff must have had at least one dose of vaccine.

Playgroups

Playgroups can meet indoors with the same restrictions as other groups, 4 sqm rule, fully vaccinated people only. Children under 12 months old do not count for attendance limit. Playgroups can meet outdoors with up to 30 people, with no requirement for vaccination, though vaccination is strongly encouraged. Parishes will need to decide if access for unvaccinated people to indoor toilet facilities is allowed.

Masks and Children

Children in grade 3 and above must wear face masks in church or church activities.

Indoor sport

Indoor sport can occur, regardless of vaccination status, with the minimum number required to play. It is up to parishes if they wish to allow this for unvaccinated people.

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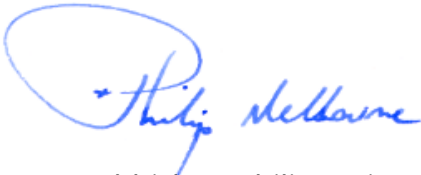
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Link for signs

See the link [here](#) for government signs and explanations for checking in, putting the vaccine status on the Service Vic App, checking in without a phone, and dealing with difficult people.

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 Melbourne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'P'.

Archbishop Philip Freier