

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

18 November 2021

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Dear brothers and sisters

Restriction changes

From Friday, 19 November, there will be no attendance limits or density rule for fully vaccinated church services, weddings, funerals, groups or meetings in the church facilities. Masks do not need to be worn, though we recommend masks when the church is full. We recommend good ventilation.

For a church service, wedding or funeral for a congregation of unknown vaccine status, the limit is 50 people. Masks must be worn (other than by the one person leading/singing/preaching), and the 4sqm rule remains. The limit of 50 does not include those necessary for conducting a funeral, or the wedding couple, celebrant and one photographer at a wedding, and we assume does not include the person leading a regular church service.

Any groups or meetings in church facilities are for vaccinated people only. The exception is for a group or meeting for religious activity of people of an unknown status. The limit is 50 people, including the leader, and the 4sqm rule applies.

From Friday, vaccination status applies to those aged 12+. Anyone under 12 is regarded as fully vaccinated.

Refreshments can be served before or after fully vaccinated events. For services of people of unknown status, refreshments can be served outdoors only, and tables and chairs are not allowed.

At this stage the common cup at communion is still not allowed. We will discuss this issue with health authorities next week.

Op shops can only be open for fully vaccinated customers. Op shop staff must be fully vaccinated.



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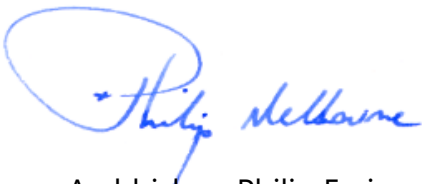
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Only fully vaccinated people can work in the church premises.

We will update further if needed tomorrow afternoon.

The website for the diocesan COVID pages is [here](#). If the question is not addressed there, please email (not text message) Bishop Paul directly:
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Grace and peace in Christ Jesus



Archbishop Philip Freier