



AD CLERUM

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UPDATE #12

RESPONDING TO THE CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

Since releasing the first update concerning the Diocesan response to COVID-19 on the 17th March, the situation has continued to be dynamic. This update reflects the **changed conditions as a result of the Parafield Cluster of COVID-19 infections.**

As of **17th November**, the guidelines are as follows:

1. **Four (4)** Square metres is to be allowed for each person for any gathering
2. 1.5 metres between people still applies
3. **Church services are limited to gatherings of 100 people. N.B. Capacity is determined by the density and physical distancing rules (i.e. four sq metres and 1.5 metres between people)**
4. Funerals are now limited to **50 people** in attendance (N.B. the actual capacity below is determined by adhering to 1 and 2 above)
5. Your authorized COVIDSafe Plan is **to be updated and followed**
6. A COVIDSafe Marshall is to be appointed for 'ceremonies', i.e. worship. The government requires that the designated COVIDSafe Marshall complete a thirty-minute online training, the following link will take you to that training: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/covid-marshals> The person exercising this role should be easily identified.
7. The COVIDSafe Marshall is to:
 - a. Promote and take practical steps to ensure infection control practices (e.g. frequent handwashing) are followed by people involved in the operations (patrons, employees and contractors);

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- b. Promote and take practical steps to ensure people participating in the operations are complying with density requirements, physical distancing principle;
 - c. Must ensure that all COVID Safe Plans and COVID Management Plans (where relevant) or specific policies/protocols about the prevention of coronavirus are effectively implemented and monitored;
 - d. Ensure the environment is appropriately established and there is sufficient seating, hand washing facilities and cleaning regimes; and
 - e. Be present supervising prescribed operations at all times (except concerning 24-hour sites where staff are not always present, at all times of high patronage).
8. **Congregational Singing** – I would recommend that the distance between people be increased to two metres in light of the potential for droplet spread during singing. N.B. Were there to be a case of an outbreak of COVID-19 (not a cluster of infections) I will issue a directive that singing not be allowed in the church.
9. A live-streamed service on Sunday mornings continues to be available on the diocesan Facebook page
10. Morning Prayer continues to be live-streamed at 8:00 am each day except Sunday on the diocesan Facebook page
11. Morning Tea may occur ensuring that the authorized COVIDSafe Plan is followed and that no utensils are shared
12. Op Shops, Cafes and Mission to Seafarers may operate as long as they have a COVIDSafe Plan which has been authorized **and follows the updated guidelines for capacity, i.e. four sq metres and 1.5 metres between people**
13. **Having the church building open** – I would encourage you to have the church building open during the day with clear instructions for people to maintain physical distancing, to sign an attendance sheet (COVID-19 tracing, if required) and to be asked to wipe down any surfaces they have touched with an appropriate wipe. Wipes will need to be provided and be available in a prominent position with a clear means of disposal. Were there to be any community transmission in the state I would be asking that churches not remain open during the day.

As things continue to develop, I will issue further updates.

Yours in Christ,



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