



PARISH GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 LEVEL 2

The following guidelines are to assist our Parish Priests and Leaders in making preparations for opening our buildings and providing ministries. These are based upon published mandates, legislation, and expectations of best practise published by the Ministry of Health.

At Lockdown Level 2:

- ◆ **Churches are closed;** excepts for weddings, funerals and tangihanga. (To be reviewed in 2 weeks-time)
- ◆ Parish Offices can open. **Parish Staff are free to work at the parish office but not expected to.** (Parishioners can visit the parish office, as long as social distancing and contact tracing are observed, and masks are worn.)
- ◆ **Baptisms cannot be celebrated at Level 2.** (They should be postponed until Level 1 conditions are established.)
- ◆ No more than **50 attendees may be in an indoor space** at one time, and they must maintain a 2-metre social spacing between their bubbles. (Staff and clergy are not included in this limit)
- ◆ No more than **100 attendees may be in an outdoor venue** at one time, and they must maintain a 2-metre social spacing between their bubbles. (Staff and clergy are not included in this limit)
- ◆ **All venues must provide site-specific QR codes, and manual registers, and request all attendees to sign in** every time they come on site.
- ◆ **Masks help to stop the spread of the virus.** Those who choose to wear them are helping to protect others. Masks are **encouraged** to be worn by **all attendees**.
- ◆ **All Reception staff and greeters must wear masks.** Priests may remove masks for ministry but should *minimise the time they spend in close contact with others.* (Some people may have legitimate medical reasons for not wearing masks, please show respect to everyone.)
- ◆ **No hospitality** may be offered in Church buildings following weddings, funerals or tangihanga.
- ◆ Encourage contactless donations.
- ◆ **Maintain thorough cleaning and hygiene** of all spaces, especially following weddings, funerals or tangihanga.
- ◆ **Hospital Visiting for the Sacrament of Anointing is permitted** by arrangement and with permission; and following hospital guidelines.
- ◆ **Rest home** visiting is not permitted
- ◆ Home visits by clergy and laity may resume, with permission/by arrangement. Masks must be worn by the visitor, and social distancing, contact tracing and hygiene regimes observed.
- ◆ **Online services should be maintained.**



The following resources will be useful to all those planning the use of parish facilities and outreach ministries:

- <https://covid19.govt.nz/activities/worship-and-faith-based-gatherings/#weddings-and-civil-unions-at-alert-level-2>
- <https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/record-keeping-and-contact-tracing/#have-alternative-systems>
- <https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/doing-business-at-alert-level-2/#face-coverings>
<https://privacy.org.nz/publications/guidance-resources/guidance-on-mandatory-record-keeping-for-contact-tracing/>