



Anglican Diocese of Gippsland

Covid19 Safety Plan

This COVID Safety Plan has been designed for operations within Anglican Church facilities to comply with current requirements for businesses operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is best as a guide and should be adapted to suit individual procedures and workflows.

Anglican Parish of Avon COVID Safety Plan

Current as of: 15/04/2021

Introduction

This plan provides members of the practice team guidance on operating in a COVID-safe way, and helps identify and mitigate risks during the ongoing pandemic.

Purpose and objectives

Our practice is dedicated to the health, safety and wellbeing of all persons visiting our Church facilities, be they parishioners, visitors or members of the public. In this pandemic environment, we acknowledge additional precautions are required and that these are outlined in this COVID Safety Plan.

1. Public access

To control the flow of people into and through the practice, we will:

- Abide by current DHHS guidelines for social distancing and public health restrictions for gatherings.
- Provide access to hand-hygiene products upon entry and exit (and at appropriate locations throughout the practice), such as an alcohol-based hand sanitiser or hand-washing facilities.
- Provide DHHS Contract Tracing check-in, or collection of contact details for all entrants to our premises
- Provide signage informing visitors to self-exclude if presenting with symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Encourage all people entering to don a face mask.

2. Physical distancing

While acknowledging the nature of public worship and church activities means maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 m is not always possible, we will put in place physical distancing measures by:

- Providing signage informing visitors of the recommendation to maintain 1.5m distance from each other
- Erect signage regarding the density quotient of each area within the church buildings

3. Infection-control

All members and volunteers of church activities, will undertake infection-control practices.

This will include safe handling preparation and distribution of food when provide by the church, including:

- Wearing of gloves and masks when providing food for communal gatherings;
- Providing disposable crockery and cutlery if appropriate; and
- Preventing self-service of beverages and food to minimise cross-infection.

4. Environmental management and cleaning

Our church will regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, surfaces and communal items, including:

- enhance air flow by opening windows and doors in shared spaces
- minimise the sharing of equipment between team members
- adhere to strict environmental cleaning as per the most current advice from the Department of Health's guidelines.
- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces with detergent and disinfectant wipe/solution between each activity
- provide training to all staff members on environmental cleaning requirements (this training will be documented)

5. Record-keeping

To aid contact tracing in the event of community transmission of Covid19, we will:

- maintain a record of all persons attending our properties by utilizing a contactless electronic system (ie QR code or similar) to record contact details, or create written records of visitors, ensuring data is stored confidentially and securely and is only used for the purpose for which it was intended
- maintain these records for a minimum of 28 days.

Plan review

This plan will be reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects the current processes and procedures of the DHHS including current legislation requirements and public health directives.

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