

CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES AND CHURCH HALLS – 03 SEP 2020

LEGALLY REQUIRED	WHAT IS ALLOWED?	WHAT IS NOT RECOMMENDED?	WHAT IS AWAITING GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face coverings to be worn by everyone aged 5 or over.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children making their first Holy Communion need to wear a face covering which can be removed when they receive the Host</li> </ul> </li> <li>Exemptions:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Priest – except during the distribution of Holy Communion</li> <li>○ Those with a health condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering difficult</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Measures to enable Social Distancing of 2 metres.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No more than 8 people from 3 households are allowed in a Hall</li> <li>○ No more than 15 people from 5 households are allowed to gather in an outside space</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass attendance:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sunday = max 50</li> <li>○ Funeral = max 20</li> <li>○ Wedding = max 20</li> <li>○ Baptism = max 50</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Faith Education for Children (Children’s Liturgy) within Mass                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ numbers not to exceed the maximum capacity of the Church</li> <li>○ can be taken to separate room or hall</li> <li>○ adults must wear face coverings and keep 2m apart</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Regulated Educational/Childcare facilities</li> <li>• Sacramental Preparation from 31 August                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In small groups, adults must wear face coverings and keep 2m apart.</li> <li>○ Record attendees for Test &amp; Protect* purposes</li> <li>○ Cleaning &amp; Sanitising</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Records of Mass attendees                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Name &amp; Phone number is sufficient</li> <li>○ Hold details for 21 days then destroy</li> <li>○ Provide to Test &amp; Protect * only if required</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cleaning &amp; Disinfecting are not necessary if premises are closed for more than 72 hours                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clean &amp; disinfect after Mass only</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue</li> <li>• Choir/Congregational Singing</li> <li>• Paper Newsletters/Bulletins</li> <li>• Fan or Circulating-Air Heating Systems                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If this is the only means of heating, it should be used in advance and turned off before people arrive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fogging machines                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These use chemicals which can be harmful to health, fabric and electrical points. Specialised PPE is needed. Surface wiping and disinfection is considered more effective.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Unregulated Educational/Childcare groups</li> <li>• Dance/Fitness Classes for any age group</li> <li>• Diet Clubs</li> <li>• Addiction groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in the numbers permitted for Mass including Funerals and Weddings</li> <li>• Increase in the numbers permitted in a Church Hall</li> <li>• Unregulated Educational/Childcare facilities</li> <li>• Dance/Fitness Classes for any age group</li> <li>• Diet Clubs</li> <li>• Addiction groups</li> </ul>

\* Scottish Government Test & Protect process: Parishes are not required to take any action, other than to provide contact details, for this process. It is the sole responsibility of the relevant Test Centre to report a positive Covid test result.