



*From the Bishop*

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To all Clergy, Secretaries, Diocesan Councillors

### **COVID-19 Update No. 7**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Government is progressing with their Roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions in SA. Last Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, SA entered Step 2 Plus and, while the density rule of having 1 person per 4 square metres and the distancing rule of 1.5m between people still applies, there are some new allowances that we can consider.

If the space allows, the number of people who can attend a church service at one time can increase to a maximum of 75 people. Many of our church buildings cannot accommodate this kind of space, but some will now be able to accommodate more than the previously capped 20 people maximum. This increase to a maximum of 75 people present also applies for weddings and funerals.

As places of worship all buildings will still need to provide a COVID-Safe Plan to the SA Government. If you had recommenced services before the 19<sup>th</sup> June then you should have already completed a COVID-Safe Plan and will not need to complete this again. An updated plan will have been sent to the email address on file with a revised total of people allowed within the building based on the dimensions originally supplied. You will have to print and make this updated plan available from now on. If services have not recommenced yet but are planning to soon, you will need to complete a COVID-Safe Plan on the Government's website;  
<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/create-a-covid-safe-plan>

It is still necessary to keep a record of people who attend services in the event that contact tracing is required. For convenience I attach with this letter the form the Government has produced to assist with this recording.

I am now happy for morning tea or similar to be held after services. This is provided that the social distancing and density rules are adhered to, and general hygiene practices are observed.

With continued prayers for you all,

The Right Reverend Keith Dalby  
Bishop of The Murray

