

The **health and safety** of all persons attending our sites during this time is paramount. To ensure that we continue to provide COVIDSafe activities on our sites the following conditions must be met.

At this stage the risk to children and the role children play in transmission of COVID19 is not fully understood. While there has been a relatively low number of cases in children it is important that we have robust measures in place to protect not only the **health and safety** of children and youth that will engage in activities on our sites but also the adults who will be involved in conducting these activities.

Requirements of the Parish:

Activities

- ✓ Avoid playing games or activities that involve physical or close contact. Outdoor sporting activities are permitted in accordance with public health guidelines
- ✓ Any handouts should be of single use only and should not be shared. Sufficient equipment should be distributed so as not to require that items be shared.
- ✓ Bibles and books must not be used as part of the activity as these will be difficult to clean after each use. Scripture passages should be circulated as single use sheets.
- ✓ Personal effects that are brought on site should not be shared with others such as toys or devices.
- ✓ Where possible outside activities should be encouraged.
- ✓ At this stage, consistent with the Public Health Orders and guidelines for places of worship, the Diocese is **not** allowing ministries or groups using the building to engage in choir or music activities which involve singing or the use of a wind instrument such as a flute, oboe or clarinet to recommence.

Participation of Volunteers or Employees

- ✓ Ensure social distancing is always maintained between the child and those running the class or event.
- ✓ Where a volunteer falls into a vulnerable category they will be required to complete the **Health and Medical Declaration form** and obtain sign off from their doctor.
- ✓ Prior to coming back on site, the person must be inducted using the COVIDSafe Induction and Training form. A record of this must be retained by the parish.

Preparation and Service of Food onsite

- ✓ No food or drink is to be prepared or served on site.
- ✓ There is to be no use of communal items such as cups, plates or utensils.
- ✓ Children must have access to their own drink bottle and under no circumstances is food to be shared.
- ✓ To ensure these measures can be adhered to a "break time" is to be established to ensure that children continue to be social distanced while eating and the consumption of food on site can be closely monitored.

- ✓ Drink bottles should be returned to the child's bag after each use.

Transportation

- ✓ Where a Parish has an existing arrangement in place to collect children from school to attend a child or youth group activity on church site this can recommence providing that the measures within this section of the fact sheet can be complied with.
- ✓ The Diocese is not authorising events for children and youth offsite at this time.
- ✓ Where a vehicle is used to transport children or youth to and from the activity adequate spacing should be made between passengers.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer should be applied when entering and exiting the vehicle.
- ✓ All used surfaces should be cleaned after each use.
- ✓ The driver needs to ensure that they are not unwell.
- ✓ All other vehicle safety requirements need to be maintained.

Ensuring Safety

- ✓ Alcohol based hand sanitizer is dangerous if ingested, particularly by children. When setting up for a Child and Youth activity, the hand sanitizer should be placed out of reach of children and any use by young children should be under the direct supervision of an adult.
- ✓ It is imperative that while we are implementing COVIDSafe measures that all other safe ministry requirements are maintained including around leader to children ratios.