

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

* 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.