

Darebin Presbyterian Church PCV COVIDSafe Plan

A **Place of Worship** in Victoria may operate for the following activities (as per PCV advice dated 2 March 2022):

For all of our indoor spaces at church, or anywhere on church property:

- there is no defining of worship services or gatherings by vaccination status;
- no one leading worship or assisting in the worship service is required to be vaccinated;
- there is no density quotient, physical distancing restrictions or cap on numbers;
- wearing face masks is no longer mandatory;
- QR registration of attendees is no longer required;
- there is no ban on eating or drinking refreshments together.

As we meet for the permitted activity of “**religious gatherings or ceremony**” there are six COVIDSafe principles that apply:

1. Ensure physical distancing

- a. We will allow for 1.5m social distancing requirement where possible by providing sufficient appropriately placed seating so as to allow for physical distancing.
- b. We will use an entry and exit system to the building making it as efficient as possible so as to minimise congestion or gathering of people.

2. Carry a face covering

- a. We require for entry to worship a face mask to be carried.
- b. We will make available compliant face mask to any who come unprepared.

3. Practise good hygiene

- a. We encourage regular handwashing and require general hygiene to be practiced.
- b. We have readily-available hand sanitiser.
- c. We have appropriate ventilation.
- d. We ensure all surfaces frequently touched, including lecterns, microphones, light switches, doorknobs, handrails are cleaned immediately after worship by people using single-use disposable gloves with disinfectant.
- e. We maintain a cleaning log that is kept for a minimum of 28 days.

4. Keep records and act quickly if workers become unwell

- a. We will record attendance during our church gatherings.
- b. No person will be allowed entry if any of the following apply:
 - currently COVID positive,
 - high risk or is suspected COVID,
 - COVID symptoms (unless medically cleared).

5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces

- a. We will reduce the amount of time people spend in enclosed spaces beyond what is necessary and practical for the conduct of worship services, and will consider using outdoor spaces for some activities, if appropriate.
- b. Windows and doors will be open for the duration of the worship service to enhance airflow and optimise fresh air.

6. Create workforce bubbles

- a. We will create work for bubbles if appropriate – to be determined by the senior minister.

This plan has been prepared for the use of the Darebin Presbyterian Church based on the best available information in line with current government guidelines and PCV Covid Advice (from 2/3/2022) as at this date, 2nd March 2022.

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