

East Coast Bays Pandemic Response Plan (for website)

Version as at 15.02.2022 (PCC Meeting)

Principles

1. We acknowledge that New Zealanders are living in a very challenging time that is impacting everyone, and disrupting business and communities. Our Pandemic Response Plan will be a process of constant protocol review and dialogue with the parish and community.
2. We must adhere to the applicable NZ Government Public Health Guidelines at all times.
3. Adhering to the Guidelines, we endeavour to creatively and helpfully find ways in which we can ensure our parish has every opportunity to come to Christ in the Eucharist and the Community – the Body of Christ.
4. We establish clear guidelines and expectations for our parishioners so that everyone understands how we are administering the Covid-19 regulations.
5. We recruit, train and properly support all volunteers helping the Parish Pastoral Council administer the Covid-19 regulations.

ACTIVITY	RED Protection Level	ORANGE Protection Level
<p>From the New Zealand government publication https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework-Guidelines-for-places-of-worship.pdf</p> <p>"If you have multiple defined spaces in a venue, you can operate multiple activities at once. This means that you could have an activity requiring My Vaccine Pass in one space, and an activity not requiring My Vaccine Pass in another space.</p> <p>A defined space is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an indoor area that has no direct airflow to another indoor area that is being used); or• an outdoor area that is separated from other outdoor areas by 2 metres; and• there are systems and processes in place to ensure that people using one space do not intermingle with others using another (including when entering or exiting the premises).	<p>My Vaccine Pass allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gatherings up to 100 people (based on venue capacity at 1m distanced). Including weddings, funerals, services, and private gatherings in homes.• No limit on events <p>Not all passes have to be verified, most can be sighted, but a "reasonable number" should be verified. (https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework-Guidelines-for-places-of-worship.pdf p 11).</p> <p>Without My Vaccine Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gatherings of up to 25 people and 1m distancing.• No events are allowed.	<p>My Vaccine Pass allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unlimited gatherings like weddings and funerals, services, and private gatherings in homes.• No limit on events. <p>Without My Vaccine pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small gatherings can be up to 50 people (plus volunteer organisers), based on the size of the venue and 1m distancing.• No events are allowed.

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<p>Capacity limits do not include workers or volunteers (paid and unpaid), but do include all other people (adults and children) within the 'defined space'. Capacity limits are based on 1 metre distancing. This means the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was 1 metre apart. People do not need to stand 1 metre apart.”</p> <p>“Under the framework a gathering is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a group of people who are intermingling. This does not include people who remain at least 2 metres away from each other so far as is reasonably practical. <p>Most faith-based services are treated as gatherings. For example, services at a place of worship, or a prayer group in an individual’s home. Under the framework an event is defined as an activity organised by a business or service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that takes place at a commercial or private indoor or outdoor premises or a publicly owned premises hired for that purpose • that has controlled access of customers or clients via ticketing, fee paying on premises, registration, or other practicable means of controllable entry • unless that activity is an outdoor community event or a gathering. <p>Ticketed concerts held at places of worship are an example of an event.”</p>		
<p>LITURGY - general</p> <p>At GREEN, non-vaccinated can have food and drink when seated and separated. No refreshments are permitted without Passes in RED or ORANGE.</p>	<p>Masses continue with attendance limited as per public health guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record keeping/scanning when entering the churches is REQUIRED. • Face coverings are recommended. From 3rd Feb, masks will be REQUIRED and ministers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masses continue with attendance as per public health regulations. • Record keeping/scanning when entering the churches is REQUIRED.

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<p>Funerals operate as gatherings – funeral directors are responsible for Pass checking. Parish staff to confirm this in their funeral checklist.</p> <p>See Actions 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13.</p>	<p>will need a Type IIR/Level 2 mask or above. <i>(how will this be enforced? will the parish provide?)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments can be served for the vaccinated only, seated and separated. • Singing is allowed <p>Vaccination pass Funerals and Masses of up to 100, up to 50 if unvaccinated.</p> <p><i>Before the service begins, it must be made clear, either by the priest or the Welcomer clearly stating at the beginning of Mass the kind of gathering (either vaccinated or not) being held.</i> <i>Or the kind of gathering can be made clear to attendees by posters and clear signage – this would need to be in multiple languages and the COVID NZ site has a few resources.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings recommended. From 3rd Feb, masks will be REQUIRED and ministers will need a Type IIR/Level 2 mask or above. • No limit on serving food or drink for vaccinated Masses – coffee and tea after Vaccine Masses can resume. • Singing is allowed <p>No limits for Vaccination-pass Funerals and Masses, up to 50 if unvaccinated.</p> <p><i>Before the service begins, it must be made clear, either by the priest or the Welcomer clearly stating at the beginning of Mass the kind of gathering (either vaccinated or not) being held.</i> <i>Or the kind of gathering can be made clear to attendees by posters and clear signage – this would need to be in multiple languages and the COVID NZ site has a few resources.</i></p>
<p>VACCINE STATUS of volunteers</p> <p>All people helping with Mass and other public-facing ministries must be vaccinated for vaccinated only work e.g. Min Eucharist, readers, altar servers, taking communion to the sick.</p> <p>See action 9, 10 and 11.</p>		