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IMPORTANT UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, Metro Melbourne.
This email has been sent to Ministers in placement, Church Council Secretaries,
Presbytery Chairpersons and Presbytery Secretaries

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Good afternoon everyone.

As you have probably heard, the State Government has reintroduced a number of COVID restrictions in response to the recent cases of community transmission of the virus.

The following changes come into effect as of 6pm this evening. They apply to Metropolitan Melbourne only, but includes anyone from Metro Melbourne who travels to regional Victoria and to anyone from regional Victoria who travels to Melbourne.

1. Face masks must now be worn in indoor settings, including all indoor worship, weddings and funerals, along with shops and shopping centres.
2. Visitors to the home are now capped at just five people per day.
3. Public gatherings are now capped at 30 people.
4. Religious gatherings, including worship, weddings and funerals remain capped based on the density quotient of one person per two square metres (ie no change).
However, gatherings which are held at a private residence are capped at 5 people. For weddings, the celebrant and one photographer are not counted in the cap. For funerals, the celebrant and essential funeral service staff are not counted in the cap.
6. The proposed relaxation of density quotients which were due to come into effect this Friday, May 28, have been delayed until further notice.

Our Crisis Management and Communications teams are still gathering finer details of the implications of some of these changes. Full details will be contained in Synod's COVID FAQs and this Thursday's edition of Synod eNews. Until then, please note the above points, be patient, and if in doubt please continue to err on the side of caution.

As always, should you have any questions or queries about the effects of COVID-19 on the life of the Church, please email these to CrisisManagement@victas.uca.org.au.

Grace and Peace,

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