



Uniting Church
SYNOD OF NSW & ACT

COVID-19

INFORMATION UPDATE

15 June 2022

Covid-19 Information Update

As the Covid-19 situation stabilises in NSW and the ACT, the Synod provides this Information Update and summary to support your ongoing proactive management of Covid-19. This is expected to be the last correspondence from Synod regarding the management of Covid-19.

Safety Plans

Safety Plans are still required in the ACT and whilst not required in NSW, they are recommended to enable congregations to demonstrate that they are managing the risk of Covid-19 in a responsible way. Please refer to the Covid-19 Safety Plans section on the [Covid-19 Guidance for Churches](#) site for resources.

Response Plan

Congregations are still encouraged to develop a response plan in case they experience a Covid-19 case onsite. Please consider completing the [Covidsafe Response Plan](#) to enable you to have a plan in place when you need it.

Reporting of Covid-19 cases

There is now no need to routinely report Covid-19 cases to Synod unless there is a particular concern or an increased risk of high exposure or a mini outbreak. Should you wish to report a case, please send an email to Covid19@nswact.uca.org.au with the details.

However, if a minister or an employee contracts Covid-19 whilst performing their work duties, workers compensation may be applicable which will need to be reported. This can be done via email: UCASynod.RTW@willistowerswatson.com

The safety regulator may also need to be notified if the person becomes seriously ill. Please refer to the [Covidsafe Response Plan](#) for further information.

Web site updated

The [Covidsafe Roadmap](#) website has been updated to reflect the current position, with a number of items being removed that are no longer relevant.

Should you have a Covid-19 query, please direct it to: Covid19@nswact.uca.org.au

Current restrictions

There may be no formal restrictions currently in place (except for Covid Safety Plans in the ACT), but as always, encouraging safe practices can help everyone to stay well:

- Physical distancing
- Wear a mask if distancing is not practical

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- Hand hygiene
- Respiratory hygiene (cough and sneeze into elbow)
- Stay home when sick
- Covid safe cleaning regime
- Get tested if unwell.

General

We acknowledge that the past few years have been a difficult time for everyone, and the Synod office would like to thank you all for the vigilance and hard work of adhering to the ever-changing Government restrictions. Maintaining a church community was challenging, however, your creativity and dedication opened up new ways of being church enabling the Gospel to still be proclaimed. Thank for all you have done and all that you mean in your local communities. I would also like to thank the amazing Synod people who tirelessly worked to ensure you had Guidance Notes, Updates and Covid resources as quickly as possible. In particular Kingsley Murphy, Bel Ritchie, Adrian Drayton and the Comms team and the Secretariat. We are indeed blessed to have you.

Please know the Synod ministers and staff remain committed to supporting you as you make a Jesus shaped difference in your local community.

Bless you all and thank you.

If you have any queries, please contact: covid19@nswact.uca.org.au or Kingsley Murphy - kingsleym@nswact.uca.org.au

Grace and peace,

Rev. Bronwyn Murphy
Associate Secretary

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