



Archdiocesan Protocols
COVID 19
Explanatory Note

After an update from Calvary Public and Private Hospitals on the *transmission risks* associated with *COVID 19*, priests and parishes are to observe the following:

1. Priests only to visit hospitals, aged care homes, and private homes for the anointing of the sick:
 - a. If the person to be anointed has *COVID 19*, then *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)* **must** be used.
 - i. *PPE* will be obtainable at the hospital.
 - ii. *PPE* can be obtained through the Vicar General for visits to aged care homes and private homes.
 - b. If the person to be anointed does not have *COVID 19*, then the usual sanitising protocols should be followed prior to and after the anointing.
 - c. When anointing, laying on of hands above the head. Oil of the Sick administered only with gloves, using cotton buds/swabs.
2. Priests, Acolytes and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are strongly advised **not** to take Communion to sick persons until further notice. Keeping contact via phone and other mediums is highly recommended.
3. Proper hand hygiene (use soap and water both before and after encounters with others) is essential.
4. Physical distancing is essential.
5. When using communal areas, wiping down various appliances, instruments and furniture is essential.

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