

**HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES – COVID-19**

Before any formal religious activities of any nature can be resumed, the following general guidelines must be adhered to regardless of the Level (except Level 1):

1. At each gathering, the relevant religious leaders must screen attendees for symptoms of COVID-19, including a symptom check as well as temperature assessment.
2. All attendees must wear a mask or scarf as provided in the Regulations.
3. All attendees (except those who have been or are in lockdown together) must avoid any personal contact.
4. Stringent social distancing must be practised according to the specified requirements of each Level.
5. Sanitizers and/or handwashing facilities with soap must be available at the entrance and all attendees must make use thereof upon entering the facility or place of gathering.
6. Persons considered to be “high risk” must be encouraged to stay at home and will receive special care as stipulated within each phase level.
7. Each religious community must have a COVID-19 risk assessment and mitigation plan in place to:
  - a) Provide and display informative and educational aids to minimise transmission risk;
  - b) Identify and protect vulnerable members of its community;
  - c) Clean all surfaces and shared equipment;
  - d) Ensure good ventilation;
  - e) Ensure only one person at a time is permitted in restrooms, except for “parents” with babies or small children;
  - f) Manage sick members or attendees.
8. Each religious community must have a monitoring system in place to ensure compliance with safety protocols and to identify/report infections among members.
9. Each religious community shall keep an attendance register of all attendees at every gathering, which shall contain the following information:
  - a) First name and surname;
  - b) Identity or passport numbers;
  - c) Residential address or such other address that the person could be located;
  - d) Cellular number; and
  - e) Temperature.
10. No one with flu-like symptoms will be allowed at any gathering.

11. No food of any sort may be provided, at any gathering, other than food hampers for the poor and needy.
12. In the event that "Holy Communion" takes place in any context, there must be no sharing of the communal "bread" or "cup".
13. Strongly encourage safe transport for those attending any meeting in terms of the Regulations. Families that live together in the same house, may travel together in the same vehicle (bearing in mind the general restrictions about transport) and will be allowed to sit together at the gathering.