

Pastoral Visits Risk Assessment



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Risk	Who Might Be Harmed?	Controls	Additional Information	Person Responsible
Spread of Covid-19 from one participant in a pastoral visit to another.	Clergy visitor, person(s) being visited.	<p>Plan the visit carefully in advance with the person/family to be visited, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascertain exactly the number of people who will be present. Check that everyone involved is content for the visit to go ahead, and aware of the risks concerned. The visit should not go ahead if not. The Church of England Personal Risk Factors document may help in assessing personal risk. Agree <i>what</i> will happen during the visit (e.g. meet for a chat, Home communion, House blessing, etc.) and <i>where</i> that will take place (indoors, which rooms, outdoors?) <p>Standard practice for clergy visiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear face masks indoors Wash hands/sanitise on arrival and on leaving the house/home <p>Care home visits: clergy may make such visits, following the procedures set by each care home.</p>	<p>What mitigating factors should be planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing of face masks Use of larger rooms or conservatories, to allow social distancing (2m or 1m+) and ventilation Keeping the visit short All visits subject to last minute cancellation if anyone displays Covid symptoms <p>Standard practice for clergy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular LFT tests twice per week (usually on Tuesdays and Saturdays), with escalation in the event of a positive result. Carry own sanitiser 	Clergy visitor

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Breaking government rules on social distancing etc. under 'Step 3'	Clergy visitor, person(s) being visited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current restriction is maximum of 6 people (or 2 households) meeting indoors: mitigated by planning in advance to ensure limit is not exceeded. 		Clergy visitor
Transmission of Covid-19 via consecrated host	Person receiving Home Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy always sanitise hands immediately before and after contact with host or handling pyx. • Prior to visit, transfer a single host from reserved sacrament into a pyx, avoiding hand contact. • Separate pyx for each home communion visit. Administer communion by tipping host from pyx without touching host. • When taking Home Communion, while restrictions continue, clergy do not receive. 		
Transmission of Covid-19 via service sheet	Clergy visitor, person(s) being visited.	All service sheets to be either single use, or carefully stored in a separate plastic wallet, untouched, for at least 48 hours before reuse.		
Transmission of Covid-19 via oil or water	Clergy visitor, person(s) being visited.	There must be no person-to-person contact via oil or water.	Offer oil/water to the person to use themselves or on another member of their household, or use a separate clean implement which is safely disposed of immediately afterwards.	