

# Guidelines for Religious Gatherings

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against  
COVID-19

We can now have gatherings of up to 100 people, but we have to do so safely because COVID-19 is still out there.

The guidelines below have been developed to help keep communities safe.

From 12 noon Friday 29 May, gatherings can be held with up to 100 people.

## General

- > All gatherings can have up to 100 people, whether the gathering is indoors or outdoors. This excludes people leading or working at the gathering.
- > The organisers should ensure the limit on attendees is met.
- > Consider asking people to join from home through technology such as livestreams.
- > If more than one separate area is used (for example, a building and a separate marquee), each area can have a maximum of 100 people. The people in each area cannot have contact with each other. That means each area must have its own entrance(s) and exit(s), bathrooms, kitchens etc.
- > People leading and working at the gathering should stay 1 metre away from attendees, where practicable.

## Hygiene and safety

- > People should not attend if they are sick to keep the community safe.
- > Clean all surfaces before and after the gathering with disinfectant.
- > Have plenty of places for people to wash hands with soap and water.
- > You can have refreshments after the service, but people should not share drinks, cups, plates, cutlery or other items.
- > If personal protective equipment, such as masks or gloves, was not needed before COVID-19, it isn't needed now unless you've been given official health advice.

## Keeping records

- > Keep a list of the contact information of everyone who attends. If possible this should include who sat (or stood) where. This is needed in case someone becomes unwell and contact tracing is required.

There is information and resources about how to do this on the **COVID-19 Website**.