



COVID-19 at church

You are not expected, and should not try, to diagnose people. However, you have a work health and safety duty to minimise the risk of other members at church being exposed to COVID-19, so far as reasonably practicable.

If you reasonably suspect someone could have the virus, or has been exposed, this creates a health risk at your church, and you will need to follow the steps below.

The person you are concerned about is at church

1. ISOLATE

Prevent the spread. Isolate the person from others and provide a disposable surgical mask, if available, for the person to wear.

2. SEEK ADVICE

Call your state helpline. Follow advice of public health officials.

3. TRANSPORT

Ensure the person has transport to their home or to a medical facility.

4. CLEAN

Clean and disinfect the areas where the person and close contacts have been. Do not use those areas until this process is complete. Use PPE when cleaning.

5. IDENTIFY & INFORM

Consider who the person has had close contact with. If instructed by public health officials, tell close contacts they may have been exposed and follow advice on quarantine requirements.

6. REVIEW

Review risk management controls relating to COVID-19 and review whether work may need to change. Consult workers on WHS issues.

The person you are concerned about was recently at church

1. SEEK ADVICE

Call your state helpline. Follow advice of public health officials.

2. IDENTIFY & INFORM

Consider who the person has had close contact with. If instructed by public health officials, tell close contacts they may have been exposed and follow advice on quarantine requirements.

3. CLEAN

Clean and disinfect the areas where the person and close contacts have been. Do not use those areas until this process is complete. Use PPE when cleaning.

4. REVIEW

Review risk management controls relating to COVID-19 and review whether work may need to change. Consult workers on WHS issues.

Remember:

- > Members assisting a potentially infectious person should have appropriate PPE and follow hand hygiene procedures.
- > Comply with privacy obligations. See guidance from the OAIC.
- > Follow the advice of health officials at all times.

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