

Diocesan Guidance for Reports to Parishes of COVID Diagnosis or Symptoms

If a person who has come to Mass/Church Service later tells a parish any of the following:

- a. they were in contact with a person who has Covid symptoms (whether or not they have had a Covid test)
- b. they were in contact with someone who has now tested positive for Covid
- c. they have themselves tested positive for Covid*

we advise the parish to take the action set out below:-

- a. contact everyone who attended the same Mass/Service and tell them what has happened, without mentioning names, and advise each person to
 - i. avoid contact with people at high increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus, such as people with pre-existing medical conditions
 - ii. take extra care in practising social distancing and good hygiene
 - iii. watch out for symptoms and self-isolate if they also show signs of coronavirus
- b. clean the church in accordance with the government guidelines at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

*Where a person who has come to Mass/Service later tests positive for Covid, then in addition to the above steps the parish should also:-

- a. let those who attended the same Mass know that they should expect to be contacted by the NHS test and trace service and
- b. provide that the NHS test and trace service with the contact details of all those who attended that Mass/Service