

# The Territory of the People Anglican Church

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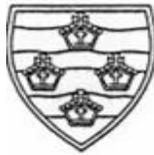
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To: Territory Clergy, Wardens, Parishes

Dear Friends:

Last week we announced the Territory would allow parishes that wished to, to move to stage 3 of the re-opening plan.

Before I give some practical tips on how to communion in one kind (bread alone) I want to make something clear - **Parishes are not required to move to stage 3 if they feel it is unsafe.** If a parish feels it is not safe to open up to stage 3, then I support the decision completely. The majority of our parishioners are in a high-risk category. While Covid numbers are climbing steadily, every parish leadership team knows their local areas the best.

Should any directions from the provincial government change (i.e. a lower limit of numbers of people etc.) they naturally take precedence. If you're unsure of anything, please call the Territory Office! Sadly, the Provincial Government has still banned Coffee Hours. As such, no coffee hours will take place until the Province deems otherwise.

Guidelines and Tips for Distribution of Communion in One Kind during the Covid Pandemic:

- 1) The Celebrant is the only one to receive the wine. **No exceptions.**
- 2) Wafers must be used. **No exceptions.**
- 3) Only one person distributes the wafer, and this should be the celebrant.
- 4) The Distributor must either use alcohol wash on their hands before they distribute the wafers or use latex free gloves.
- 5) The Distributor **must wear a mask** during distribution and it is strongly recommended they wear a mask during the prayer of consecration.

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- 6) It is recommended before and during consecration, where possible, the wafers should be covered (either in a Ciboria with a lid or with a pall)
- 7) The wafer should be dropped into the hands of the parishioners from a respectful distance to limit any touching of hands. Tongs may be used at the Celebrant's discretion.
- 8) The Communicant should consume the host in their pew, where they can lower their mask safely distant from others.

As always, call me if you have any questions.

In Christ,

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