

COVID Emergency Procedures

What action needs to be taken if someone develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in Church

In preparation, make sure that all the congregation, including children and young people, know to inform a responsible person if they develop symptoms of COVID-19. The following guidance may need to be adapted to ensure a responsible adult is there to support the individual where required.

If the affected person has mild symptoms, they should go home as soon as they notice symptoms and follow the guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

Where possible they should minimise contact with others, e.g. use a private vehicle to go home. If it is not possible to use private transport, then they should be advised to return home quickly and directly. If using public transport, they should try to keep away from other people, wear a face covering and catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue. If they don't have any tissues available, they should cough and sneeze into the crook of the elbow.

If they are so unwell that they require an ambulance, phone 999 and let the call handler know you are concerned about COVID-19. Whilst you wait for advice or an ambulance to arrive, try to find somewhere safe for the unwell person to sit which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If possible and it is safe to do so, find a room or area where they can be isolated behind a closed door, such as a meeting room. If it is possible to open a window, do so for ventilation. The individual should avoid touching people, surfaces and objects and be advised to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when they cough or sneeze, and then put the tissue in the bin. If no bin is available, put the tissue in a bag or pocket for disposing in a bin later. If you don't have any tissues available, they should cough and sneeze into the crook of their elbow.

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