

20 July 2021

To all Clergy, Secretaries and Diocesan Councillors

### **COVID-19 Update 20**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you will be aware, South Australian has a number of Covid-19 cases that have been active in the community. While the Government has tried to avoid a lockdown, it has been confirmed this morning that the outbreak does involve the highly transmissible Delta variant. Restrictions had already increased as of 12:01am this morning, 20<sup>th</sup> July, but it has now been announced that the state will enter a **seven day lockdown from 6:00pm tonight**.

For now, there will be only five reasons for people to leave their homes;

- Care and compassion reasons
- Essential work
- Purchase of essential goods, such as a food
- Medical reasons including vaccination and testing
- Exercise, limited to those from within the same household

To reiterate, for the next seven days;

- There is to be **no** church services in any of our buildings. An exception could be for those who are set up to conduct services online via Facebook or Zoom from home.
- All Op-Shops and soup kitchens must be closed.
- The Registry Office will be closed to all visitors and phone calls until further notice. You can still make contact via email.

We will attempt to keep you updated but this situation is evolving quickly so please continue to check the government's websites for the most up to date directives. Please continue to pray for each other and the authorities as they deal with this latest outbreak.

With every blessing,



The Right Reverend Keith Dalby  
Bishop of The Murray

