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## Your COVID-19 Safety Plan

### Places of worship

#### Business details

Business name	Armidale Uniting Church
Business location (town, suburb or postcode)	Armidale
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### Wellbeing of staff and customers

**Exclude staff and congregants who are unwell from the premises.**

Agree

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

- A safety officer will greet people as they enter and church ask where they have been, or come from. - Anyone displaying symptoms of illness, or anyone coming from a known hotspot, will be asked to leave the premises.

- Zoom services have been made available, for those unable to physically attend.

**Provide staff with information and training on COVID-19, including when to get tested, physical distancing, wearing masks and cleaning.**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

Staff and volunteers, have been provided with written paperwork informing them of the requirements for physical distancing, cleaning and the need to be tested if they display any symptoms of illness. Face masks are to be worn at all times. No-one over the age of 70 years are allowed to clean.

**Display conditions of entry including requirements to stay away if unwell and record keeping.**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

QR signage and also a posters for number of people in a certain area have been posted at all entries, inside the and in the office, stipulating the number of people allowed in the area and how to maintain social distancing.

**Other types of venues or facilities within the premises must complete COVID-19 Safety Plans where applicable. If contact details are captured electronically upon entry to the main premises on the relevant day, additional collection of contact details via electronic methods may not be required if there is no other public access to the sub-premises. However, additional contact details and time of entry must be captured where these sub-premises are gyms, entertainment facilities, hospitality venues, nightclubs and retail premises.**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

Separate Covid-19 Business Plans will be completed for Wesley Hall, the Youth Centre

and the Youth Centre lounge.

### **Encourage staff to access COVID-19 vaccination.**

**Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

Posters displaying where they can obtain their vaccinations are posted on the notice board.

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## **Physical distancing**

**Capacity must not exceed the greater of one person per 4 square metres of space in the premises, or 25 persons.**

**Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

The maximum number allowed in the church is 74 using the 4sqm ruling. Upon entry into the church, all congregation members must maintain a social distance of 1.5m.

The maximum number of people allowed to attend a funeral is <sup>50</sup>~~XX~~ using the 4sqm ruling.

### **Ensure 1.5m physical distancing where possible, including:**

- **at points of mixing or queuing**
- **between seated groups**
- **between staff.**

## **Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

- The removal of the pews is not physically possible. Congregation members will be asked to sit in alternative pews (they will be roped off and the number in each pew will be limited to either 4 or 2.
- Signage is displayed on entry reminding people to social distance of 1.5m. The safety officer will speak to anyone not distancing and ask them to move further away.
- All staff and volunteers have been asked to practice social distancing at all times, including coffee breaks and meal breaks. No food is shared.

## **Avoid congestion of people in specific areas where possible.**

## **Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

- Congregation members have been asked <sup>not</sup> to the mill in the foyer when arriving for worship services, and when the service has finished, leave straight away.
- ~~There~~ is no morning tea being served during this time of restrictions.

## **Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises, such as at the conclusion of services.**

## **Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

- Congregation members have been asked to the mill in the foyer when arriving for worship services, and when the service has finished, leave straight away.

## **Singing by congregants is not allowed in indoor areas.**

## **Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

No community ~~singing~~ <sup>singing</sup> will occur until the government lifts the restrictions on it. During worship services, we will be using videos.

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## **Hygiene and cleaning**

**Face masks must be worn by staff and customers in indoor areas, unless exempt.**

**Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

- Encourage all congregation members to wear masks at all time, especially when attending the services. Free masks have been mad available for those that forget a mask.
- Those members that have an exemption to not wear a mask, must provide a letter of proof from their GP and this to be seen by the Covid Safety officer for every service.
- Members will not be allowed to attend services if they fail to provide a letter of proof.

**Adopt good hand hygiene practices. Have hand sanitiser at key points around the venue.**

**Agree**

Yes

### **Tell us how you will do this**

- High grade sanitiser is available at all entry points to the premises, as well as kitchen and office areas.
- Signage is posted around the premises as well as the bathroom areas.
- All liturgy will be displayed on Powerpoint, to avoid the use of hymn books and bibles, which will be stored away.
- members will be asked to make offerings via direct deposit or bank transfer. No cash offering is being accepting at this time.

- No morning tea will be held.

**Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels or hand dryers.**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

- The bathroom are cleaned regularly and restocked with soap and paper towels as needed.
- Posters are displayed in the bathrooms promoting safe hand washing practices.

**Clean frequently used indoor hard surface areas (including children's play areas) at least daily with detergent/disinfectant. Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces several times per day.**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

- All frequently used areas will be thoroughly cleaned before and after use with detergent and disinfectant.
- Until restrictions are lifted the toy area for children is out of bounds.
- The book library is also not in use during restrictions.
- All sanitisers and disinfectants to be used, are at least 70% alcohol and will be used according to the manufacture's instructions.
- Gloves, hand soap, paper towel and sanitisers are provided for use and safety of anyone undertaking any cleaning of the premises.
- as per Covid-19 Rulings, anyone over the age of 70 years must not undertake any cleaning.

**In indoor areas, increase natural ventilation by opening windows and doors where possible, and increase mechanical ventilation where possible by optimising air conditioning or other system settings (such as by maximising the intake of outside**

**air and reducing or avoiding recirculation of air).**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

- Entry doors, and windows inside the church will be opened to provide ventilation.

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## **Record keeping**

**Use the NSW Government QR code system to collect an electronic record of the name, contact number and entry time for all staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors.**

**Agree**

Yes

**Tell us how you will do this**

- It is now mandatory that we use the NSW Government QR code so that staff, volunteers and members can check in using the Service NSW app. Those that are unable to sign in electronically, we are required to collect members records and must record the following details for every person entering the premises:

- Full name
- Phone number (and email address where possible)
- Date and time of entry (and time of exit where possible).
- Records must be kept for a minimum period of 28 days and provided as soon as possible, but within 4 hours, upon request from NSW Health, 7 days a week.

**Processes must be in place to ensure that people provide the required contact information, such as by checking phones for the green tick to confirm they have checked in (keeping 1.5m physical distance between staff and patrons). QR codes should be clearly visible and accessible including at entrances to the premises.**

## Agree

Yes

### Tell us how you will do this

- We have displayed QR codes in prominent locations, including on approach to and at the entry and throughout the premises (where possible) to avoid queues of customers, staff or visitors

remind people to check in when entering your premises

- Where possible, the Safety Officer keeps an eye out for new people who have entered church.

- Those that sign in electronically, must show the 'green tick' on the Service NSW app and check it relates to your premises where possible

**If a person is unable to provide contact details, for example due to age or language barriers, another person may provide contact details on their behalf. If it is not possible for check-in to occur, keep a record of the name, contact number and entry time for all staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors for a period of at least 28 days. These records must be provided in an electronic format such as a spreadsheet as soon as possible, but within 4 hours, upon request from an authorised officer.**

## Agree

Yes

### Tell us how you will do this

- If there are unexpected circumstances which prevent the use of electronic methods to collect customer contact details, we can manually collect customer contact details using paper and pen. - Any paper records must be entered into an electronic format, such as an Excel spreadsheet or Word document, kept by the business for at least 4 weeks, and provided on request to the Chief Health Officer within 4 hours.

**I agree to keep a copy of this COVID-19 Safety Plan at the business premises**

Yes