

Archdiocese of Baltimore  
Guidelines for Responding to the COVID-19 Virus  
**June 22, 2020**

To limit the amount of information being shared and to make this document as easy to read and helpful as possible, it will be limited to mostly updated/new information. Limited “repeat” information is included in italics. A comprehensive set of guidelines can be found at [www.archbalt.org/coronavirus](http://www.archbalt.org/coronavirus).

**General**

- A. **Transportation.** As locations begin to resume activities, transportation to and from the venue of the activity must adhere to the following guidelines:
- a. Only members of a family that reside in the same household are to ride together in the same vehicle. Therefore, whether the activity is to be held at the location or is being held at a different venue, each member wishing to attend the activity must arrange for their own transportation.
  - b. If individuals elect to disregard this guidance and opt to ride share with others who do not live in the same household from home to the venue, neither the parish nor the school sponsoring the activity is responsible for any actual or alleged spread of the virus that occurs during this period.
  - c. Under no circumstances are locations to have participants for an activity gather at one location and then arrange for carpooling from the gathering spot to the final venue of the activity.
  - d. At this time, this guidance will remain in force until September 1, 2020 or until the jurisdictions in which the transportation will occur have moved to Stage 3 of the State Recovery plan, whichever occurs first.
  - e. This guidance will be reevaluated prior to September 1, 2020, unless the State moves to Stage 3 of the recovery plan, and updated guidance will be issued at that time.
- B. **Home Visits.** At this time, home visits of sick or shut-in parishioners will be allowed for *priests and deacons only* with the use of proper PPE and social distancing. If at all possible, ministers are urged to consider conducting the visit in an outdoor setting, such as a front porch or patio, etc.

**Communication**

- A. *Repeat information: A page on the archdiocesan website has been established where all pastoral resources will be kept: <https://www.archbalt.org/pastoralresources/>*
- B. *Repeat information: There is one central contact for the Archdiocese for all questions, concerns and reports involving the COVID-19 virus: [riskmanagement@archbalt.org](mailto:riskmanagement@archbalt.org). As more information becomes available and as we learn of other questions or concerns more updates will be forthcoming. Updates will also be posted to <http://www.archbalt.org/coronavirus/>, where you can refer parishioners and others for the latest information and news.*