

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Guidelines for Responding to the COVID-19 Virus
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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.

General

Protocols for Learning of a Positive COVID case. To assist parishes with providing appropriate responses when a parish learns of a confirmed or potential COVID-19 diagnosis impacting their parish, please see the **attached** three guidance documents:

- Protocols for handling issues associated with learning of a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19, whether it occurs when a person is physically on a parish campus or participating in a parish activity, or self-reports a concern while away from the parish campus. The protocols address how to assist the person with COVID or suspected of having COVID, those who came into close contact with the affected individuals, guidance on evaluating continued operations of the parish, communication guidelines and proper cleaning and sanitization.
- An appendix table summarizing what is required of individuals falling into different classifications, whether positive for COVID, suspected of COVID or having come in close contact with a person with COVID or COVID symptoms.
- A template letter that should be customized by your parish to communicate with the appropriate members of your parish. If you have questions, please send your inquiries to riskmanagement@archbalt.org.

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. 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 <https://www.archbalt.org/coronavirus/>, where you can refer parishioners and others for the latest information and news.*