

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

- A. As a reminder, pastors are asked to report to their regional vicar by tomorrow (Wednesday) their plan for reopening based on their ability to comply with the checklist of requirements. (See attachment.) Again, contact riskmanagement@archbalt.org if you are having trouble obtaining needed cleaning supplies.
- B. It may be helpful to remind parishioners that the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect throughout Phase II, and that those who are vulnerable due to health reasons or uncomfortable attending Mass are encouraged to stay home and access the liturgy online.
- C. The attached table attempts to address the considerable and understandable confusion surrounding the discrepancies between State, archdiocesan and local guidance about the timing of reopening, and the various activities allowed.

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.*