

# COVID-19 Safety Plan v2

## St Barnabas Anglican Church, Broadway

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REQUIREMENTS	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
<b>Wellbeing of staff and congregants</b>		
Exclude staff and congregants who are unwell from the premises.	(1) All members of the church, including staff, will be reminded via weekly email not to attend services if they display symptoms.	Rebecca Spires
	(2) Signage at all points of entry will ask three questions: <b>“are you unwell, do you have a fever or respiratory symptoms, have you come into contact with anyone with COVID-19?”</b>	Rebecca Spires
	(3) Welcomers at the Broadway doors will direct people towards the questions prior to contactless check-in. Those who don't answer appropriately will be advised that they may not enter the building.	Welcomers
Provide staff with information and training on COVID-19, including when to	(1) Staff have been informed by email and are reminded at regular meetings.	Michael Paget

get tested, physical distancing, wearing masks and cleaning.		
	(2) Guidelines for staff found on Staff tab of COVID-19 worksheet online.	Michael Paget
Make staff aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or required to self-isolate.	Staff have been reminded of their sick leave provisions when ill or required to self isolate.	Michael Paget/Wardens
Display conditions of entry (website, social media, venue entry).	(1) The Barneys website, Facebook page, closed Facebook group and Instagram all clearly display the conditions of entry.	Rhianna Miles
	(2) Signage displaying conditions of entry is placed at the Mountain St doors, garage lift, and Broadway doors and gates.	Rhianna Miles
Consider offering online services or alternative arrangements for people in high-risk categories (e.g. over 70 years).	Services are streamed on YouTube, and for those currently unable to attend at all due to compromised health, interaction, engagement and pastoral care is supported by Zoom groups following each service.	Michael Paget
Ensure first aid kits are up-to-date and contain appropriate equipment	First aid kits have been updated and contain protective masks and gloves.	Rebecca Spires
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 indoor gyms, nightclubs, dine-in hospitality venues, pubs and bars.	A separate Safety Plan will be prepared for all relevant event categories, venues & facilities that meet onsite at St Barnabas Broadway.	Michael Paget /Wardens

<p>Venues taking bookings for weddings and funerals should ensure there is a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place for the event.</p>	<p>A separate Safety Plan has been prepared for weddings. A separate Safety Plan will be prepared for any funerals that occur.</p>	<p>Michael Paget /Wardens</p>
<p><b>Physical distancing</b></p>		
<p>Capacity in regions outside of Greater Sydney must not exceed one visitor per 2 square metres of publicly accessible space. In Greater Sydney, capacity at a place of public worship or religious gathering must not exceed one visitor per 4 square metres of publicly accessible space indoors and one visitor per 2 square metres outdoors. Children count towards the capacity limit.</p> <p><i>Note: 'Greater Sydney' means Greater Sydney as defined by the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 7) 2020.</i></p>	<p>(1) Our maximum capacity under the 4 square metre rule is 295. No more than 295 participants will be allowed on the premises for the purpose of a gathering for worship.</p>	<p>Michael Paget</p>
	<p>(2) A staff member will be present at every religious service, funeral or wedding. Staff are trained to maintain limits and to supervise newcomers in enforcing limits.</p>	<p>Michael Paget</p>
<p>Face masks must be worn in indoor areas by public facing staff and by anyone older than 12 years in Greater Sydney at places of worship being used for public worship or religious services, unless exempt.</p>	<p>(1) Congregants will be advised via email, sms and on social media that facemasks must be worn (2) Posters will be displayed at appropriate points in the building (3) Disposable face masks will be made available for those who do not have their own</p>	<p>Michael Paget/Rebecca Spires</p>

<p>Note: For weddings, the wedding party, including the people being married and the people necessary for the conduct of the wedding, are exempt from wearing masks in indoor areas at places of worship.</p>		
<p>Ensure 1.5m physical distancing where possible, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at points of mixing or queuing such as toilets and entrance and exit points</li> <li>• between seated groups</li> <li>• between staff.</li> </ul>	<p>(1) Seating is arranged for both capacity and social distancing.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>
	<p>(2) Signage throughout building will promote safe distancing.</p>	<p>Rhianna Miles</p>
	<p>(3) The entrance on Sundays will be into the Mountain St foyer to allow for ample space for physically distanced checkin and extra physically distanced seating on the bridge foyer.</p>	<p>Rhys Duggan/Rebecca Spires</p>
<p>Ensure congregants remain seated throughout the service.</p>	<p>All congregants will remain seated during the service</p>	<p>Michael Paget</p>
<p>Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing with markers where people are asked to queue or stand.</p>	<p>Barriers and markers have been placed in appropriate places throughout the building.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>
<p>Where reasonably practical, ensure staff maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing at</p>	<p>Staff are instructed, where possible, to maintain social distancing from one another and participants.</p>	<p>Michael Paget</p>

all times, including at meal breaks and in offices or meeting rooms.		
Use telephone or video for essential meetings where practical.	Online services are provided.	Michael Paget
Review regular deliveries and request contactless delivery and invoicing where practical.	(1) Wherever possible, contactless delivery is practiced.	Rebecca Spires
	(2) Staff are directed to wash hands after taking delivery.	Rebecca Spires
Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises, such as at the conclusion of services. This may involve suspending or adjusting the practice of greeting congregants as they arrive or depart to ensure appropriate physical distancing.	Before the end of every service, participants are advised to maintain social distancing while moving through the courtyard and into subsequent smaller gatherings, such as in Victoria Park or homes.	Michael Paget /service leader
Coordinate with public transport, where reasonably practical, around strategies to minimise COVID-19 risks associated with transportation to and from the venue if crowding on public transport may occur.	N/A	
Take measures to ensure drivers of courtesy vehicles minimise close contact with passengers where possible and encourage passengers to wear masks whilst in the vehicle.	N/A	

<p>Education programs should be conducted in accordance with the NSW Government guidelines on Schools and Childcare. Students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines but should follow good hygiene practices and physically distance where practicable. Staff should continue to maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing from students where practicable.</p>	<p>Sunday School and youth will be conducted in accordance with the NSW Government guidance on schools. Leaders will observe social distancing where practical.</p>	<p>Toby Knights/Rachel Knights</p>
<p>No more than 5 performers should sing indoors. There is no recommended cap on performers singing outdoors. All performing singers should face forwards and not towards each other, have physical distancing of 1.5m between each other and any other performers, and be 5m from all other people including the audience and conductor, where practical. In indoor areas, congregants should not participate in singing or chanting. In outdoor areas, congregants 12 years and older should wear masks if singing or chanting.</p>	<p>There will be no more than 5 performers singing on stage and they will be appropriately distanced. Congregants will be reminded not to participate in singing.</p>	<p>Steve Crain/Michael Paget</p>
<p><b>Hygiene and cleaning</b></p>		
<p>Adopt good hand hygiene practices.</p>	<p>(1) Signage at all entrances and in bathrooms instructs users in good hygiene.</p>	<p>Rhianna Miles</p>

	(2) Hand sanitiser dispensers are anchored to bollards at garage lift entrance and inside Broadway doors.	Rebecca Spires
	(3) Staff will wash hands with soap and water before every service and prior to handling any material.	Michael Paget
Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels or hand dryers.	Cleaning teams clean & restock bathrooms prior to each service and cleaners do so at the end of each Sunday.	Rhys Duggan/Rebecca Spires
Consider modifying religious rites or rituals to avoid direct contact where practical, such as communion or other similar practices. Where this is not practical, ensure hands are washed before and after each interaction with soap and water or hand sanitiser.	Those preparing bread and cups for communion will wash hands before and afterwards and wear gloves. When celebrated, communion will involve bread distributed using gloves and tongs, and prefilled communion cups. Those serving will wash their hands immediately before and after serving, and participants will use hand sanitiser prior to receiving the elements.	Michael Paget
Avoid sharing books, drinking cups or other shared objects used during the service such as collection plates. Also consider putting barriers around frequently touched objects of worship, such as shrines, relics or fonts, to prevent people frequently touching these.	(1) Book corner in foyer has been packed away.	N/A
	(2) Church bibles will not be used.	Michael Paget
	(3) No physical collection will be conducted.	Michael Paget
	(4) Next Steps cards will not be used.	Michael Paget
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.	(1) Site managers and office staff clean all frequently used areas each day. High-touch areas are cleaned between services on Sundays and after use during the week.	Rebecca Spires

	(2) Professional cleaners clean whole building on Saturday (prior to church) and Sunday after all services have been completed.	Rebecca Spires
	(3) Cleaning teams clean bathrooms, chairs, balustrades and other high-touch surfaces between services.	Rhys Duggan/Rebecca Spires
Disinfectant solutions need to be maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.	(1) Standard 2-in-1 detergent and disinfectant solution used.	Rebecca Spires
	(2) Staff have been instructed which products to use and further specific guidelines are provided in the cleaning plan.	Rebecca Spires
Staff are to wear gloves when cleaning and wash hands thoroughly before and after with soap and water.	(1) Staff (including site managers) have been trained to wear gloves while cleaning and wash hands before and after.	Rebecca Spires
	(2) The cleaning plan provides clear instructions for the wearing of gloves and washing of hands.	Rebecca Spires
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).	The air conditioning will be scheduled for all events and set at the appropriate settings	Rebecca Spires
<b>Record keeping</b>		
Keep a record of name, contact number and entry time for all staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors for a period of at least 28 days. Electronic collection (e.g.	(1) Congregation members are allocated to specific services and asked not to change times without confirmation from a staff member. All congregation members are required to provide a mobile number or email address.	Rebecca Spires



<p>using a QR code) of contact details for each person is strongly encouraged. Any paper records must be entered into an electronic format such as a spreadsheet within 12 hours. Records must be provided as soon as possible, but within 4 hours, upon request from an authorised officer.</p>		
	<p>(2) NSW services QR code is displayed prominently in the foyer for Check in.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>
	<p>(3) Contactless check-in is required for entry to any service. Volunteers check for name contact details and record attendance.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>
<p>Ensure records are used only for the purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing and are collected and stored confidentially and securely. When selecting and using an electronic method of record collection, take reasonably practical steps to protect privacy and ensure the records are secure. Consider the 'Customer record keeping' page of nsw.gov.au.</p>	<p>It has been usual practice, even prior to COVID, for Barneys to collect contact details from visitors on arrival to church, for the purpose of welcome and follow-up, and in accordance with our privacy policy. Accordingly, Barneys will continue to use details collected on entrance for initial follow-up but, should the visitor wish to no longer be contacted, will store them only for the purpose of contact tracing.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>
<p>Make your staff aware of the COVIDSafe app and its benefits to support contact tracing if required.</p>	<p>Staff have been advised. Congregants will also be encouraged to download and use the COVIDsafe app.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>
<p>All places of worship must complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan and register themselves through nsw.gov.au..</p>	<p>Our Safety Plan has been registered.</p>	<p>Rebecca Spires</p>

## **Appendix 1: Contact protocols**

If the case of the church being alerted a positive test of COVID-19 in relation to a person who is or has been on site:

1. All further activities in the building are suspended prior to a professional clean. If this occurs on a Sunday, subsequent physical services are cancelled and the service will be moved online. All participants will be notified by text and email.
2. All people present on site at the gathering or any other gathering at the time or subsequent but prior to cleaning will be alerted by text and email and encouraged to be tested.
3. If NSW Health has not yet approached the church, the office will contact NSW Health to notify them of the incident and provide details of everyone present on the site then and since for contact tracing.

## **Appendix 2: Setup for Sunday services**

### **Seating**

Seating for Sunday services is to be arranged as follows:

1. All chairs are to be kept in pairs.
2. All groups of chairs to be 1.5m apart

### **Check-in**

- Clear signage will be displayed in, foyer directing people where to queue
- All kiosks will be attended by welcomers and participants will check in using a QR code or the welcomer will enter their details into the kiosk. Participants will move from the front of the queue to the closest available kiosk.

### **Lift**

- Signage on lift doors in car park listing conditions of entry and lift capacity (1 person or multiple members of the same household)

### **Stage**

- Singers are to be 3 meters away from each other, other members of the band and 1.5m away from the front of the stage.

## **Appendix 3: Additional notes on hygiene & cleaning for Sunday services**

### **During services & in general**

- Handheld microphones will not be used during the services.
- Bridge seating use is discouraged
- Services must be kept short to allow for <1hr on site

### **Between services**

The following items need to be cleaned by spray with Glen20 or 70% isopropyl wipe between each service:

- Translation equipment
- Microphones

The following items must to be cleaned with Chux wipe and 2- in-1 detergent and disinfectant cleaning spray between each service:

- Lectern
- All chairs
- Lift buttons – exterior (carpark, ground and first floors) and interior (vertical and horizontal)
- Cry room – sink, bench, microwave, door handles
- Bathrooms – upstairs (accessible), downstairs (men, women, children) – toilets, doors, taps, changing table
- Main stairs balustrade

### **After a volunteer shift (which may be two services)**

The following items need to be cleaned by spray with Glen20 or 70% isopropyl wipe after each volunteer shift (before being used by another person):

- Band microphones
- Sound desk

- Instruments
- Kiosk tablets and tables

**After all services**

- Cleaners will conduct a professional clean.

## Appendix 4: Groups meeting onsite at Barneys

### General

In general, the following applies to all groups:

- All groups (whether internal or external) require a booking approved by the Barneys office
- Bookings require indicative numbers.
- Internal bookings must identify expected participants and mark attendance via Elvanto.
- All participants must be identified by full name, mobile phone number and email.
- Unless it is a service of worship (must be determined by Rector), or a workplace gathering for Barneys or Credo, or for a group that *regularly* uses Barneys for workplace meetings, the number of participants in a room must be the lesser of the room capacity or 20 persons.
- Groups *must not* be onsite before their site manager, and the site manager's name and contact details *must* be specified in the booking. If the site manager is for any reason unable to be present, a gathering may not proceed until the Barneys office has approved an alternative site manager in the booking.
- Groups that do not follow these conditions will no longer be able to meet onsite.

### Checklist for groups meeting onsite at Barneys

- Group organisers must advise their group that anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any cold and flu like symptoms to stay home and not attend
- Groups must not exceed the room capacity (as determined by the 4 square metre rule) and signage and must encourage group members to physically distance (stay 1.5m away from each other)
- Practice good hygiene
  - Hands should be washed, ideally in the bathrooms with soap and water, or if necessary using hand sanitiser, on arrival
  - Hand sanitiser is available at the Mountain St entrance or from the Barneys office
- Door handles, light switches, chairs, tables, couches etc must be cleaned before and after the event
  - Use Norfolk surface cleaner – available in the front office & cleaning cupboard
  - Wear gloves (available in the front office & cleaning cupboard) when cleaning and wash hands before & after cleaning.
  - Spray cleaner on surface to be cleaned and wipe with a clean Chux cloth. Throw the cloth out when finished.

- Contact details (full name, mobile phone number and email) for each person attending must be kept. Internal groups must record attendance as group attendance in Elvanto. Other groups must record these details via paper or email and submit the attendance list to the office as soon as the meeting is finished.

## Appendix 5: Signage and public communication

### General

- All signage to be professionally colour printed on gloss heavy stock or plastic
- Ideally mounted using professional looking holders, stands etc – e.g. <https://www.slimlinewarehouse.com.au/acrylic-wall-mounted.aspx>
- Signage and social media elements can follow recommended government designs (<https://www.australia.gov.au/covidsafe-resources>) but to use Barney's colours and branding in non-primary colours
- Signage advising of (a) that we are re-open and under what conditions, (b) the existence of a COVID-19 safety plan, and (c) conditions of entry to be pinned website, Facebook page and Instagram.
- A video will be released showing a walkthrough experience of church.

### Lift

- At garage entrance to lift, listing conditions of entry and lift capacity (1 person or multiple members of the same household)

### Entrances

- A1 signs in weighted outdoor frames welcoming to church and displaying conditions of entry at Broadway gates, bottom of Mountain St stairs and outside Mountain St doors.
- All entry via Broadway ramp
- A1 signs in weighted indoor frames, or pull-up signage, inside Broadway doors, with welcome and explanation of conditions of entry
- QR-code for Elvanto form check-in for visitors and contractors during the week

### Bathrooms

- Signage on mirrors esp re: hand-washing



**Meeting rooms**

- Capacity signage
- Post-use instructions

**Kitchens**

- Post-use instructions for cleaning

## Appendix 7: Risk management

Risk		Likelihood	Severity	Overall Risk	Risk Level	Strategy	Owner
		(1-5)	(1-5)	(1-25)			
R1	A participant is unable to understand the conditions of entry	5	2	10	Med	(1) Main entry signage is printed in English and Mandarin. (2) Check-in team will explain conditions of entry.	Check-in team
R2	A participant is unwilling to comply with the conditions of entry	3	4	12	Med	(1) Engage a ministry staff member. (2) Ask them to leave. (3) Call the police if non-compliant.	Check-in team then escalate to staff
R3	A participant becomes symptomatic (e.g. coughing, develops a fever) during a service	3	3	9	Low	(1) Service coordinator to supply person with a mask. (2) Observe whether coughing subsides/is related to dust or similar. (3) If symptoms are persistent or fever is present, direct person to head home with mask on, and contact NSW Health for a test. (4) Wipe down where they have been sitting. (5) Move people an extra space away.	Service coordinator then staff

R4	A participant in a service reports a subsequent positive test for COVID-19	1	4	4	Low	(1) All participants present in that service and subsequent services to be contacted by email and text, advised of the circumstance without personally identifying the person, and requested to get tested.  (2) Professional cleaners to conduct deep clean of common spaces.	Rebecca Spires
R5	A member of staff tests positive for COVID-19	1	4	4	Low	(1) All church members to be advised to be contacted by email and text and requested to get tested.  (2) No further use of site until professional cleaners have conducted a deep clean of common spaces.	Michael Paget
R6	A member of staff requires sustained hospital treatment for COVID-19	1	4	4	Low	Wardens have established extended sick leave arrangements for staff during COVID-19.	Wardens
R7	An increase in community transmission leads to tightening of restrictions	4	3	12	Medium	Physically gathered services will be temporarily suspended and streamed services substituted.	Michael Paget
R8	A participant sings during a public gathering on site	3	1	3	Very low	Staff or service coordinator to immediately ask them to stop.	Staff
R9	The scheduled preacher falls ill or is required to self-isolate	4	2	6		(1) If sufficient notice is available, either the sermon will be pre-recorded and screened as a video, or an alternate preacher appointed.	Michael Paget

						(2) If there is insufficient notice, the service will be conducted with bible readings but no sermon.	
R10	A participant breaches social distancing in seating without the consent of the other person	4	2	8	Low	A staff member will ask the person to move to a different seat.	Staff