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## COVID-19 Update

Last night the [Prime Minister announced](#) more measures designed to further reduce the spread of Covid-19 by further restricting social interactions. The measures are summarised by his words “*Australians should stay at home, unless shopping for essentials, travelling to and from work - where you cannot work from home, going to school and exercising. Keep visitors to your home at a minimum. In outdoor spaces do not congregate in groups.*”

The announcement also included some additional and clarified prohibitions. The factors most relevant to churches and their communities are:

- Auditoriums and theatres: This closely parallels our own church auditoriums and sanctuaries, and are to cease holding gatherings/performances with an exception of “*Live streaming of a performance by a small group could be permissible with social distancing observed*”.
- Outdoor gatherings: it is implied that any such activity should be limited to 10 people and people should still observe social distancing measures, not congregate together.
- Weddings: maximum attendance of 5 people, including the celebrant (20m<sup>2</sup> of space required).
- Funerals: maximum attendance of 10 people (40m<sup>2</sup> of space required).

I am sure that this will not be the last measures announced and equally sure you will be receiving further updates from us here at BCSA as needs be.

Once again we affirm our confidence in our Lord and God

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear*

[Psalm 46:1-2]

**Mike Mills**

State Executive Minister