

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) updated information for each diocese of the NSKK**

*As at 13 March 2020*

Diocese	Action	Restriction period, etc.	Notes
Hokkaido	No general suspension of worship	Until 29/3 - Attendance at worship not recommended Clergy will perform worship at the appointed time at their churches	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols All gatherings/meetings other than Sunday worship are cancelled until further notice
Tohoku	No general suspension of worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Diocesan office working hours are shortened (until 20/3) Meetings and events scheduled until 20/3 are to be postponed, or carried out by E-mail or video-conference Anybody unsure about traveling by public transport or attending gatherings with large numbers of people are recommended to not attend worship
Kita-Kanto	Suspension of worship	Until 29/3 - Suspension of Sunday worship in Saitama Deanery Other areas dependant upon individual church's decision	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols
Tokyo	Suspension of worship	Until 29/3 - Suspension of all Sunday corporate worship Funerals will take place with sufficient infection prevention measures taken	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Videos of services and liturgies made available online Committees/workshops and meetings are requested to not meet Postponement of March diocesan meeting
Yokohama	Suspension of worship	Until 29/3 - Suspension of all Sunday corporate worship Until 4/4 - Suspension of all worship and other services and meetings (dependant upon number of attendees)	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols
Chubu	No general suspension of worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Communion given only in one kind (bread)
Kyoto	No general suspension of worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Bishop Williams Theological Seminary graduation ceremony to take place without Eucharist; post-graduation celebration to be without food & drink J's Camp Spring camp in Okinawa cancelled. Other meetings also cancelled
Osaka	Suspension of worship	Until 31/3 - Suspension of all Sunday worship Post 1/4 situation to be announced by 21/3	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Cancellation or postponement of all meetings 22/3 Extraordinary diocesan meeting is postponed Duties of assistant and part-time priests are lifted All are encouraged to devote time at home to pray
Kobe	Limited worship	11/3-24/3 - Suspension of all corporate worship in Kobe, Akashi & Himeji cities Worship on Sunday and other days is limited to clergy and their families Other areas dependant upon individual church's decision	Inform congregations of thorough health management and hygiene protocols March clergy ordination to be postponed In restricted areas, sermons and liturgies to be available for distribution One church-run kindergarten had staff infected; closed from 10/3 'New Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control Office' was established on March 10
Kyushu	No general suspension of worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take Attendance at Sunday worship is not recommended	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols
Okinawa	No general suspension of worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols All diocesan events in March are cancelled

General Application

Holy Communion to be given in only one kind (bread), or by priestly intinction; sharing of the Peace to be done without bodily contact

Kindergartens and nursery schools run by the church are closed; meetings and events cancelled or postponed; related schools and facilities to stop graduation ceremonies and scale-down events