

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) updated information for each diocese of the NSKK**
*As at 27 March 2020*

Diocese	Action	Restriction period, etc.	Notes
Hokkaido	No general suspension of worship	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 Holy Thursday worship will take place at the Cathedral Easter Day worship will be held at various times so great numbers do not gather together After-worship party is cancelled Clergy will consider offering pastoral Sunday worship at people's homes
Tohoku	Suspension of worship	29/3 - 3/5 - Suspension of public worship Clergy will perform worship at the appointed time at their churches Funerals will take place with sufficient infection prevention measures taken	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Diocesan office working hours are shortened (until 31/3) Scheduled meetings and events are to be postponed, or carried out by E-mail or video-conference
Kita-Kanto	No general suspension of worship	Until 29/3 - Suspension of Sunday worship in Saitama Deanery From 5/4 - Public worship will resume	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols For those churches wishing to suspend worship beyond 5/4, need to report to Bishop and ask for instructions Gatherings in general are suspended; in particular those including food and drink, ie: concerts, etc Necessary gatherings and meetings for parochial operation (including various committees) may be
Tokyo	Suspension of worship	Continuing suspension of all Sunday public 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 Church doors to be kept open, so people can enter Any case of infection confirmed, is to be reported to the diocesan secretary, and that person self-isolated
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 Worship schedule and details for April onwards will be decided on 31/3
Chubu	Partial suspension of worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take St. Matthew's Church, Nagoya: Excepting services during Holy Week and Monday in Easter week, all services are suspended until Saturday in Easter week Church of the Holy Light, Ichinomiya: 29/3 worship cancelled	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	Partial suspension of worship	<p>Post 1/4 details regarding resumption of worship is given in the right-hand box</p> <p>Holy Thursday (9/4) service for renewal of clergy ordination vows will go ahead without communion</p> <p>Good Friday (10/4) services are cancelled</p>	<p>Any vital gatherings, services or meetings will reconvene (with smaller numbers, for shorter duration, inter-personal space, without choirs, with adequate ventilation)</p> <p>In those churches with large congregations, Easter Day worship services will be offered at multiple times</p> <p>Holy Communion will be given only in one kind (bread)</p> <p>Fingers of celebrant to be disinfected before handling the host; also any altar server present</p> <p>No bodily contact during sharing of the peace; omission of hymns; all celebrants and servers to wear masks</p> <p>Holding of 'Service of the Word' services to be encouraged</p> <p>If any participant (clergy or laity) has symptoms, they are not to take part in any worship</p> <p>Anybody hesitant about attending worship should instead offer prayers at home</p> <p>Meals and parties post-worship continue to be cancelled</p> <p>If the celebrant is unable to preside, 'Service of the Word' will take place with no sermon; extreme caution should be taken</p> <p>Funerals and weddings will take place after sufficient infection prevention measures are taken</p>
Kobe	Partial suspension of worship	<p>Until 4/4 - Suspension of all corporate worship in Kobe, Akashi &amp; Himeji cities</p> <p>Worship on Sunday and other days is limited to clergy and their families</p> <p>Other areas dependant upon individual church's decision</p>	<p>Inform congregations of thorough health management and hygiene protocols</p> <p>In restricted areas, sermons and liturgies to be available for distribution</p> <p>Believers visiting churches to pray, having clergy pastoral visits to homes is acceptable</p> <p>Pastoral care to be offered to all</p>
Kyushu	Partial suspension of worship	<p>Each church will decide for themselves what action to take</p> <p>Attendance at Sunday worship is not recommended</p>	<p>Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols</p> <p>Worship and gatherings are suspended at Kikuchi Reimei Church throughout April</p>
Okinawa	No general suspension of worship	<p>Each church will decide for themselves what action to take</p>	<p>Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols</p> <p>All diocesan events in March are cancelled</p>

#### 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