

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) updated information for each diocese of the NSKK
As at 8 May 2020

Diocese	Action	Restriction period, etc.	Notes
Hokkaido	No general suspension of communal worship	Attendance at worship not recommended (extended until end of May) 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 Diocesan combined service (16/5) and clergy gathering (14-16/5) are cancelled. Diocesan ordination (16/5) is postponed Clergy will consider offering pastoral Sunday worship at people's homes
Tohoku	Suspension of communal worship	Until 30/5 - Suspension of public corporate 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 (weekdays 10:00-16:00) until 30/5; 2 staff working in rotation Emails can be received from home Scheduled meetings and events are to be postponed, or carried out by E-mail or video-conference
Kita-Kanto	Partial suspension of communal worship	Churches in Saitama Deanery are currently suspending communal worship and meetings until further notice Churches in Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma Deaneries will resume public worship from 5/4, however the current situation in each church and community will be discussed by each church prior to restarting services, and if deemed it should continue to be suspended, this shall be reported to the diocesan bishop	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Gatherings in general are suspended; in particular those including food and drink, ie: concerts, etc., or when many people are to be in close contact with each other Necessary gatherings and meetings for parochial operation (including various committees) may be conducted after sufficient infection prevention measures are taken Funerals and weddings are permitted after sufficient preventative measures are taken
Tokyo	Suspension of communal worship	Continuing suspension of all Sunday public worship Funerals will take place with sufficient infection prevention measures taken Requiem for deceased clergy will be held from April 15th as a closed service at the Cathedral, however the diocesan office and clergy will support those wishing to participate	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 Diocesan office hours (Wednesday's only) 10:30-12:30, 13:30-15:00 until further notice In general will be working from home by email. If need to contact by phone, please do so on Wednesday during business hours. Fax and mail are available at any time. In case of emergency, please contact Diocesan Secretary via St. Andrew's Church
Yokohama	Suspension of communal worship	Communal worship is suspended in all areas of Yokohama diocese (Kanagawa, Chiba, Shizuoka, Yamanashi and part of Tokyo) until the state of emergency is lifted	For urgent meetings and funerals, measures will be taken to prevent infection and only small number of people permitted to be present; Food and drink not permitted Communion will continue to be offered privately at the cathedral every Sunday at 11:00 This service will be recorded (while public worship is suspended) and made available via the diocesan home page Clergy will perform worship privately at the appointed time at their church Diocesan Office working hours are currently shortened (11:00-15:00,) with diocesan secretary and one member of staff only (until end of May)

Chubu	Suspension of communal worship	Public worship on Sundays and weekdays is suspended until 31 May for clergy and laity Recommendation to use Tokyo diocese's online service for home worship Sunday worship from the cathedral to be live streamed (from 10:30) from 10 May	Meetings and events (including committee meetings) will be cancelled or postponed until 24 May If absolutely necessary, consider conducting by web conference, or email. If vital to be held in person, only hold with a small number of people present. Avoid enclosed confined crowded spaces, ensure masks are worn, and thorough hand disinfection Donations for specific causes to be collected upon resuming worship Ensure sufficient preventative measures are taken before funerals, worship, meetings, or diocesan events Diocesan office hours shortened to 10:00-16:00, Monday-Friday with one staff member present
Kyoto	Partial suspension of communal worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take Some churches have suspended worship	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Regularly share the situation at each church Many events and meetings are cancelled or postponed Diocesan office hours are shortened to 10:00 to 16:00
Osaka	Suspension of communal worship	All public worship including Sunday worship suspended until 30 May Diocesan ordination on 20 May to take place together with the sacrament of anointing at the cathedral with clergy only, ensuring sufficient preventative measures are taken	Committee meetings will be postponed or conducted by email Consideration to be made of the necessity for meetings, and if vital, ensure sufficient preventative measures Diocesan office working hours reduced (until end of May) 10:30-13:00, 14:00-15:30, 2 people working in rotation For emergency contact outside diocesan office hours, please contact Rev. Uchida [Nishinomiya St. Peter's Church]
Kobe	Asked to refrain from public worship	Suspension of worship at churches and mission stations in the diocese are to be determined by the presence or absence of an emergency declaration and the status of reopening of elementary and junior high schools in the neighborhood	When worship resumes, follow guidelines issued on 31 March Clergy to care for their congregants as far as they are able Material for daily bible readings and liturgy for 'prayer at home' are posted on the diocesan website Diocese is uploading Easter messages from all clergy to diocesan homepage Worship is permitted only for clergy and their family members. Congregants are to worship at home Diocesan Office working hours are shortened (10:00-15:00) until 1 May
Kyushu	Partial suspension of communal worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take Attendance at Sunday worship is not recommended (especially for those who are ill or use public transport)	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols (about protecting oneself and not spreading infection) Over half the diocesan churches will suspend worship and meetings during May Clergy offering no public worship should take close care of their parishioners Diocesan office will be staffed by one person in rotation during May
Okinawa	Suspension of communal worship	As a general rule, Sunday communal worship will be suspended until the 'state of emergency' declaration is lifted Communal worship will be suspended at St. Peter & St. Paul's church, Mihara until the end of May	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Diocesan ordination scheduled for 25/4 is postponed Diocesan office working hours are reduced, and staggered. Business hours are as usual 9:00-17:00

General Application

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

Provincial Office

Working hours currently Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30-16:30, to be extended to 15 May. Tuesday, Thursday working from home, limited public contact meetings

All other contact to be by email. In emergencies please contact Provincial General Secretary Jesse Yahagi