

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

As at 29 May 2020

Diocese	Action	Restriction period, etc.	Notes
Hokkaido	No general suspension of communal worship	Attendance at worship not recommended if difficult (extended until end of June) Clergy will perform worship at the appointed time at their churches	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols Small gatherings are permitted at individual churches, with sufficient precautionary measures taken Each church's individual judgments are to be respected, made after consultation with the bishop Diocesan ordination (5/16) has been postponed; 'Fellowship and Exchange Day' (6/28) is cancelled Clergy will consider offering pastoral Sunday worship at people's homes
Tohoku	Resumption of communal worship	Communal Sunday worship, etc. will resume from 7 June Funerals can take place with sufficient precautionary measures taken	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols based upon 'Guidelines for Sunday Worship and Resumption of Parish Missionary Activities' issued on 28 May Donations will be received when worship resumes Diocesan office working hours are shortened (10:00-16:00) until 6/6 Scheduled meetings and events to be considered to be postponed, or carried out by E-mail or video-conference
Kita-Kanto	Resumption of communal worship	All churches will resume communal worship from 7 June Consideration will be made, however, of the situation of each local church community, and necessary measures taken	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols during worship. If continued suspension is thought necessary for any church, consultation to be made with the bishop Meetings in general continue to be suspended, but gatherings and meetings necessary for parochial operation (including various committees) may be conducted after sufficient precautionary measures are taken
Tokyo	Suspension of communal worship	Continuing suspension of all Sunday public worship Funerals will take place with sufficient precautionary measures taken Requiem for deceased clergy will be held from April 15th until further notice, 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	Resumption of communal worship	Sunday communal worship aims to restart from 7 June, with numbers of congregation limited Weekday worship and church committee meetings are permitted to restart from 23 May Unless unavoidable, please refrain from attending worship services at other churches or dioceses until further notice	Guidelines for worship have been revised to reflect resumption of Sunday services Continue to thoroughly implement precautionary measures in accordance with the worship guidelines Communal meals are still suspended Diocesan Office working hours remain shortened (11:00-15:00,) with diocesan secretary and one member of staff only (until end of May, will be reconsidered in June)
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 31 May If absolutely necessary, consider web conference, or email. If held in person, only with few attendees. 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	No general suspension of communal worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take Most churches have resumed communal 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 regular office hours will resume from Monday 1 June (9am to 5pm)
Osaka	Resumption of communal worship	Restrictions on communal worship being relaxed gradually from 7 June. Currently only Sunday worship resuming	Each church will decide regarding the resumption of Sunday service. Precautions to be taken when resuming Church committees to resume, other meetings and events remain suspended Diocesan office hours continue to be shortened (until the end of June) 10:30 am - 4 pm. For emergency contact outside diocesan office hours, please contact Rev. Uchida [Nishinomiya St. Peter's Church]
Kobe	Resumption of communal worship	All diocesan churches and missions are preparing to resume communal worship after discussions at local deanery level Some cases may be decided in consultation with the	New guidelines for resuming public worship are being written Online Eucharist service for Pentecost Sunday uploaded to diocese homepage Easter messages from all clergy are being uploaded to diocesan homepage Diocesan Office working hours are shortened (10:00-15:00) until end of May
Kyushu	Resumption of communal worship	Each church will decide for themselves what action to take Attendance at Sunday worship is not recommended for those who are ill or have to use public transport	Inform congregations about thorough health management and hygiene protocols (about protecting oneself and not spreading infection) Most churches, which have had worship suspended, will resume public services from June (Kikuchi Reimei Church will be continue to be suspended for the time being) The ability to hold Web-based meetings for parish committees has been established Diocesan office will establish and undertake regular measures to prevent infection from June
Okinawa	Resumption of communal worship	Communal worship generally resumed from May 21 (Ascension Day) Communal worship continues to be suspended at St. Peter & St. Paul's church, Mihara (until the end of May) Church of the Prairie House in Airakuen and St. Michael's Church, Minami Shizuen remain suspended until central government measures are relaxed	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

Provincial Office

Working hours will return to regular office hours from 1 June. (Weekdays 9:30-17:30). This may change again dependent upon the future situation