

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

*As at 12 June 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. resumed 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 returned to normal (9:00-17:00) from 7/6 Scheduled meetings to be considered to be postponed, or carried out by E-mail or video-conference
Kita-Kanto	Resumption of communal worship	All churches resumed 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 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 returns to regular working hours (10:30-12:30, 13:30-15:30) with diocesan secretary and one staff at work, others work from home. From July 1st, plan to resume normal working status (Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30, 13:30-17:30). In case of emergency, please contact Diocesan Secretary via St. Andrew's Church
Yokohama	Resumption of communal worship	Sunday communal worship restarted on 7 June, with limited numbers of congregation Weekday worship and church meetings restarted on 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 returned to normal from June (Monday-Friday 10:00-17:00)
Chubu	Suspension of communal worship	All public worship was suspended until 31 May 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 Absolutely necessary meetings via 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 resumed from 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	Following discussion at local level, almost all diocesan churches have now resumed communal worship	New guidelines for resumption of public worship have been issued by the bishop to all churches Online service for Pentecost Sunday and clergy Easter messages have been uploaded to diocesan homepage Diocesan Office working hours are shortened (10:00-16:00) until further notice
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) Most churches resumed public worship from June (Kikuchi Reimei Church continues to be suspended) The ability to hold Web-based meetings for parish committees has been established Diocesan office will operate regular office hours from June, with precautionary measures being taken
Okinawa	Resumption of communal worship	Communal worship resumed from May 21 (Ascension Day); and at St. Peter & St. Paul's church, Mihara on 7 June 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 as usual (9:00-17:00) but staggered Clergy gatherings and committee meetings to take place online

Provincial Office

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