

Additional Guidance on Face Coverings
For
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Stewards

Readers

Readers should **sanitise their hands before and after reading**, or be supplied with single-use gloves, and should avoid touching the microphones or the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word, apart from page turning. **Readers may remove their face coverings at the lectern to read and should replace them before stepping away from it providing the lectern is sufficiently distant from the congregation.**

Eucharistic ministers

The People's Communion is distributed in silence with no dialogue between minister and communicant. **Those who are distributing Holy Communion should wear face coverings when doing so.**

Ministers of Holy Communion who will assist the priest come forward, cleanse their hands and receive Holy Communion under one kind. **They should then put on their face coverings and cleanse their hands again before receiving their ciborium.** They then move to the points for distribution and communicants are stewarded forward in an orderly manner to receive Holy Communion as above, and then immediately leave the Church. The remaining Blessed Sacrament is placed into the Tabernacle.

Stewards

Regarding **enforcement** (face mask), the advice is that **this cannot be done by stewards or members of communities**, just as it is the case in shops. Public Health officials have been given extra powers to enforce the wearing of face coverings in public spaces with fixed penalty charges. However, their approach is to educate rather than penalise, and this approach would be sensible in the case of church communities. It is for everyone's good that a face covering is worn.