

Covid Protocol – Howth & Malahide Presbyterian Church

The protocol is based on the revised PCI Covid -19 Mitigations & Measures received from Clerk of the General Assembly & General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and is applicable from 4th April 2022 onwards.

Before Church....

- If you are displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone displaying such symptoms, do not attend church or any church activity.

On arrival at church.....

- It is recommended that church buildings and halls should continue to be as well ventilated as possible and hand sanitiser will continue to be available.
- Whilst social distancing is no longer required in church buildings and halls, it is recommended that an area of seating is set aside, where 1 or 2 metre social distancing is maintained, for those who wish to avail of it. Where possible, chairs in halls and rooms should be spaced out.
- Whilst face coverings are no longer required in church buildings or halls (including when singing), those who prefer to continue to use face coverings should feel free to do so.

During the Service....

- Order of Service leaflets (containing notices, words of hymns and bible readings) will be available on church website to print off.
- Bibles are available in the pews.
- Collection plate will be left in an agreed place in the church.

Communion Services

Restrictions relating to Communion are no longer required. Sensible precautions should continue to be taken both when preparing and distributing the elements.

After the service.....

- Restrictions relating to catering on church premises are no longer required, though it is recommended that sensible precautions should continue to be taken.
- Each church including the toilets, will be cleaned on a weekly basis between services.

Home Groups

Home Groups and other church meetings may take place in private homes, with sensible social distancing and good ventilation as appropriate.

Pastoral Visiting

Pastoral visiting in private homes will now resume – subject to contact being made with the person in advance, checking everything is ok for a visit to take place.