

# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

## Guidance on Eucharistic Ministers and Anointing of the Sick



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### Eucharistic Ministers and Anointing of the Sick

- The practice of using volunteer Eucharistic Ministers is discontinued in all Trinity Health sites immediately and for the duration of the COVID-19 period. Employed spiritual care staff/chaplains may distribute Communion. The practice of placing the Communion wafer on the tongue of the patient should not be used. Communion can be distributed directly into the hand of the patient.
- With respect to the Catholic sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, priests, preferably those on staff who are trained in universal precautions, can administer the Anointing of the Sick. Volunteer clergy visits are discouraged.