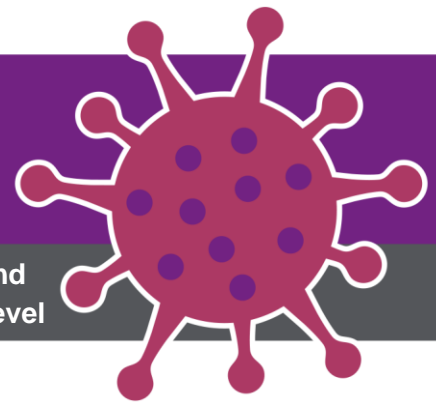


CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



Spiritual Care/Chaplain and Visiting Clergy* Visitation, Worship Services, and Sacraments/Rituals: Based on Community COVID-19 Hospital Admission level



Audience: Colleagues, Chaplains, Patients and Visitors

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UNIVERSAL: This guide should be used for all COVID patients regardless of Ministry COVID Levels

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Follow any local, state or federal applicable laws, rules, and regulations that are more stringent. In addition, non-employed spiritual care personnel need to follow setting-specific policies that relate to pastoral care support that reflect applicable state or federal requirements, e.g., Trinity Health Senior Communities (THSC)

Table 1. Summary Key Prevention Strategies by Community COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level

Spiritual Care Element	Community COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level	
	Not High (Low/Medium)	HIGH
Pastoral Care Visits (Non-Trinity Health employed)	Follow normal ministry policies and procedures	Visits permitted to patients under investigation (PUI) and those in isolation for COVID-19. Visiting clergy are to follow infection prevention precautions including posted screening instructions at ministry entrance, source control and PPE as described in: ppe-guide-booklet.pdf (trinity-health.org)
Pastoral Care Visits (Trinity Health Colleagues)	No restrictions. Follow local ministry policies and procedures for visits to PUI or those under transmission-based isolation precautions	
Spiritual care volunteers	No restrictions. Follow local ministry policies and procedures for visits to PUI or those under transmission-based isolation precautions	
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) interns & residents	No restrictions. Follow local ministry policies and procedures for visits to PUI or those under transmission-based isolation precautions	

Chapel Access & Use	No Restrictions	Precautions to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce no. of participants to 75% of normal capacity • Follow source control requirements that are in effect for the ministry • Provide hand sanitizer at chapel entrance
Holy Water in Fonts, Hymnal, Missalettes	No restrictions or limitations in use	

*The term "Clergy" in this guidance means a person designated by a patient, resident or person authorized to make decisions on behalf of the patient or resident as having a leadership role within the patient's or resident's faith community. Examples include but are not limited to persons serving as a priest, minister, elder, rabbi, pastor, imam, shaman, teacher, bishop, deacon, bishopric, or elder quorum president. Managers of spiritual care or on call chaplains should be called as needed to assist in assuring patient requests for spiritual care visits by community-based clergy are reviewed if there are any questions.