



**Restrictions for Perth Metropolitan and Peel Region from 6pm tonight**  
**The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB**  
**Archbishop of Perth**

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The Premier has this afternoon advised that from **6.00pm on Thursday, 23 December 2021** until **6.00am on Tuesday, 28 December 2021** a number of restrictions will come into effect.

These public health and social measures include:

- mandatory mask wearing for all public indoor settings and on public transport;
- certain high-risk large-scale events, such as music festivals, will be cancelled and nightclubs will be closed; and dancing is banned except for weddings;
- anyone who has been in the Perth metropolitan and Peel region since **Thursday, 16 December 2021** and enters another regional area is required to wear a mask as per requirements in Perth-Peel; and
- travel to remote Aboriginal communities remain restricted.

All these measures will be reviewed regularly and the Chief Health Officer will continue to monitor the serious situation and provide more ongoing advice. ***At present places of worship remain open, but masks must be worn.***

The Department of Health is working through the case and is in the process of identifying close and casual contacts, and locations visited.

People are asked to check the exposure sites list regularly and monitor their health and get tested immediately and self-quarantine, if they develop symptoms.

The WA Government's full announcement outlining all restrictions relevant to the lockdown can be found at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/restrictions-introduced-perth-and-peel>

Further updates relevant to the Archdiocese of Perth will be communicated on an ongoing basis in response to these developing circumstances and made available on the dedicated COVID-19 page on the website of the Archdiocese of Perth: <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/COVID19.htm>

Further updates can be accessed on the WA Government's website: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>

Parishes are invited to share this update with your people given the proximity of Christmas celebrations. Further updates, as they become available, will be provided by the Office of the Vicar General.