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COVID UPDATE – NSW ROADMAP & CHURCHES 11TH – 25TH OCTOBER, 2021

According to the NSW roadmap for the whole of State re-opening, once the State reaches a 70% fully vaccinated rate up until when the state reaches an 80% fully vaccinated rate, only the fully vaccinated will be permitted to enter churches. This is estimated to be a two or possibly three-week period in October (most likely from the 11th to the 25th of October).

- i. The Diocese, Parishes and clergy will comply with all relevant Public Health Orders.
- ii. For the health and safety of all concerned, parishioners are encouraged to comply with all relevant Public Health Orders.
- iii. It is planned that the churches in the Diocese will remain open with public Masses and other Sacraments celebrated.
- iv. If a particular Local Government Area (LGA) has stay at home orders in place the churches in that LGA will be closed.
- v. The Public Health Order says that only fully vaccinated individuals are able to enter the Church and attend Mass during this period.
- vi. QR check in, facemasks, social distancing, sanitising protocols and no singing remain in place.
- vii. Livestreaming the 10.00 am Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass will occur during this period. The link to access this will be provided prior to each relevant Sunday.
- viii. People who are not fully vaccinated are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation during this period.

A further update will be given when the Public Health Orders are promulgated or if the details in the roadmap are altered.

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