

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Guidelines for Responding to the COVID-19 Virus
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To limit the amount of information being shared and to make this document as easy to read and helpful as possible, it will be limited to mostly updated/new information. Limited “repeat” information is included in italics. A comprehensive set of guidelines can be found at www.archbalt.org/coronavirus.

General

A. **Free Facemasks.** The Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives Partnership Center is supporting HHS and FEMA’s efforts to make [face coverings widely available](#) in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. The face coverings, produced and delivered in partnership with USPS and the National Council of Textile Organizations, are being made available to community-based organizations at no cost (and while supplies last). Please click [here](#) for information on the face coverings and how to order. Facemasks may be ordered online at: <https://asprwgpublic.hhs.gov/aspcc/facecover/Pages/default.aspx>.

A few things to note:

- Face coverings are 100% Cotton Jersey, bind around face and ears, and are treated with a 0.5% OWG Agion AMB-10 Antimicrobial (contains silver and copper, which will help to prevent the growth of viruses and germs. Washable up to 15 times). Adult One-size fits all.
- They do not replace the N95 face mask used in healthcare settings and should not be used when caring for those with COVID-19. They are intended to expand the community’s capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- The face coverings come in cartons of 500 masks per carton. (Minimum order is one carton) Larger orders may be expedited more quickly.
- They are not to be sold and are to be used within US States/Territories/Tribal Nations.
- Delivery locations must be [USPS](#) deliverable addresses.
- Allow 10-15 days to process your order. Shipments will vary in arrival time. Please be patient.
- See also the [CDC’s Information About Your Cloth Face Covering](#) as a user guide.

B. Please see the **attached** notice from the State Fire Marshal regarding a fictitious online posting about the use of fireworks on Independence Day.

Communication

A. *Repeat information: A page on the archdiocesan website has been established where all pastoral resources will be kept: <https://www.archbalt.org/pastoralresources/>*

B. *Repeat information: There is one central contact for the Archdiocese for all questions, concerns and reports involving the COVID-19 virus: riskmanagement@archbalt.org. As more information becomes available and as we learn of other questions or concerns more updates will be forthcoming. Updates will also be posted to <https://www.archbalt.org/coronavirus/>, where you can refer parishioners and others for the latest information and news.*