# **Guidance for those in clinically vulnerable/high risk categories**

This guidance considers three categories; those

1. Clinically extremely vulnerable/high risk
2. Clinically vulnerable/high risk (**which includes all over 70s** **not in (a))**
3. Those who have household members in (a)

There are five areas we currently identify to advise on:

1. Opening churches for private prayer
2. Cleaning churches
3. Conducting any streamed or recorded services from church
4. Taking funerals, or any other public acts of worship if these should be permitted
5. Conducting pastoral visits or meetings face-to-face

**For clergy**

Those in category (a) or (c) should follow government advice and not to do any of the things mentioned above. Category (b) should be reminded that there is no expectation that they should do any of these things and we strongly urge them not to.

In terms of category (b) it needs to be sufficiently clear that this is what is expected of them so that no-one feels under pressure to do otherwise. Anyone choosing to disregard that request is clearly choosing to take a risk against that clear advice. Incumbents need to know that their approach to PTO clergy should reflect this too. Consistent with this guidance there will currently be no Clerical Registry duties for anyone in these three categories.

**For authorised lay ministers, church workers and volunteers**

Those in category (a) or (c) should follow government advice and not do any of the things mentioned above. Category (b) should be reminded that there is no expectation that they should do any of these things and we strongly urge them not to.

Category (b) should not be put on rotas for any of these areas nor put in any uncomfortable position where they feel pressure of any kind to assist in any of these areas.

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