

## Current COVID-19 Precautions for Western Chan Fellowship Retreats

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Please ensure you are happy with the retreat procedures set out below **BEFORE** you book. If you book on a retreat we take that as your consent to abide by these guidelines.

### Before booking:

There is always going to be a level of COVID-19 risk when mixing in close physical proximity with others in a residential situation, so the first thing is to check whether you feel able and ready to come on retreat, bearing in mind the wellbeing of yourself and others.

No residential retreat can be set up to be totally safe or COVID-19 risk free. You will be sharing bedrooms and bathrooms with others, as well as spending most of your time each day in the company of others. If you are or feel vulnerable, it may be best not to book on a residential retreat. To help keep everyone attending a retreat as safe as possible we aim to reduce the risk of introduction of COVID-19 to a retreat.

### Before arriving:

**Please take a lateral flow test within the 24 hours before the start time of your retreat.** If the test is positive, do not travel but let us know you are unable to attend, and remain at home.

**If you do not self-test within 24 hours of the start of the retreat, either at home or on arrival at the retreat, you will not be allowed to join the retreat and no refund will be given.**

You can order COVID-19 Lateral Flow Tests online or buy them in some pharmacies.

Please get in touch with us and **DO NOT ATTEND** the retreat at the time your retreat commences if:

1. You have tested positive for COVID-19 **OR**
2. You are a household or overnight contact of someone who has had a positive COVID-19 test result within the 10 days prior to the retreat. This is due to the high risk of this contact resulting in transmission of infection. It may take up to 10 days for the infection to develop and it is possible to pass on COVID-19 to others, even if you have no symptoms **OR**
3. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

### Cancellation terms and conditions

Your retreat fee will be refunded if you find it necessary to cancel your booking for one of the following reasons:

- you, or someone in your household, have had a positive test result for COVID-19 in the last 10 days
- you have symptoms of COVID-19

*Western Chan Fellowship may update these precautions and requirements without notice in the event of changes in government rules or guidelines or in the severity of the pandemic. The updated precautions and requirements will be those applicable to the retreat and will apply even if you made your booking under the earlier provisions.*