

## **The Archbishop of Australia, who tested positive for the coronavirus, is in self-isolation**



It is announced that on Tuesday, January 4, His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, who underwent a diagnostic test for coronavirus, was diagnosed positive. His Eminence, who is fully vaccinated, showed mild symptoms of Covid-19 and was immediately placed in self-isolation to prevent the spread of the virus.

On this occasion, the Archbishop reiterates his paternal request and exhortation to the pious members of the local Church and to all our fellow human beings, without exception, to faithfully follow the instructions of the expert scientists, especially during the current period when the coronavirus is spreading and evolving rapidly.

More specifically, His Eminence emphasizes: "I fully understand the adverse effects and especially the psychological fatigue that the evolving ordeal of the pandemic has brought to everyone. However, it is clear that we are going through an extremely critical period, during which the new variant of the virus is unfortunately spreading rapidly.

This minimizes our room for complacency and necessitates even greater adherence to the rules recommended by experts. For this reason, I urge you all to do your utmost to protect yourself and the people around you, by minimizing the risk of getting infected and catching the disease or transmitting the virus to someone else. I find the necessity to say to you all, as Archbishop and your spiritual father, to urge again those who have not already been vaccinated to do so, trusting the

scientific community. Millions of people have been saved, have avoided intensive care and intubation because they have been vaccinated. I repeat, that there are no dogmatic, canonical and ecclesiastical reasons for someone not to be vaccinated. I pray unceasingly to the benevolent and merciful God for the end of the pandemic as soon as possible, and for this I urge you, the Clergy and the People of our Holy Archdiocese “.