

Recommendations for a Safe Return to Worship

PROTECTING
THE GREATER
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Preparation

PLANNING

- Assign responsibility for monitoring and incorporating government orders and guidance.
- Assign responsibility for coordinating with local health authorities and law enforcement.
- Provide leaders, staff and volunteers with masks and other protective equipment to wear while serving.
- Establish protocols for physical distancing before, during and after services including seating arrangements, modified worship practices and dismissal procedures.
- Continue offering online worship options for those who are sick, higher risk, have been exposed to a coronavirus (COVID-19) patient within the last 14 days or are otherwise uncomfortable gathering in person.
- Develop isolation protocols should a staff member, volunteer or attendee become ill at your facility.
- Minimize use of printed or hand-held materials such as bulletins, hymnals, bibles and attendance pads.

CRITICAL NUMBERS

- ✓ Six feet of distance = 50 square feet per person when removing overlap.
- ✓ The virus may live on surfaces up to seven days.
- ✓ Disinfectants may need 2-10 minutes of contact to be effective (see EPA list).
- ✓ Symptoms typically show within 7-14 days.

BUILDING

- Conduct a thorough facility inspection/walk-through to check on the safety of your building before it is reopened.