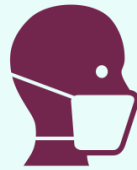


Considerations for Places of Worship



Establish and continue communication with local and state authorities to ensure the safety of your community.



Encourage the use of face coverings at all times.



Post information to promote everyday preventive actions.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often throughout the day with EPA-approved disinfectants.



Maintain restrooms that remain open. Clean and disinfect daily or more often, if possible.



Have handwashing stations throughout the place of worship as well as readily available hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Screen and evaluate congregants upon arrival for signs of illness.

If food is being provided, utilize disposable food service containers, and offer individually packaged food items to avoid cross contamination of food items.

Protect congregants who are at higher risk for severe illness by encouraging use of options to participate virtually.

Space out seating for attendees who do not reside in the same household to at least 6 feet apart when possible. Consider limiting seating to alternate rows.

Ensure when congregants arrive, they are immediately seated and once a service ends, rows are emptied sequentially.

As it is difficult to keep children to follow social distancing guidelines, consider keeping nurseries, childcare, etc. closed for the foreseeable future.

Limit the sharing of frequently touched objects such as prayer books, hymnals, religious texts, etc.

Modify methods for receiving financial contributions. Substitute collection trays with electronic methods and/or a stationary collection box.

Avoid group programming such as musical ensembles during religious services, if possible. Consider having a soloist to ensure social distancing measures are being maintained.

