

COVID-19 Recommendations for Faith-Based Organizations

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According to Governor Reynolds State of Public Health Disaster Emergency declaration, Section Three (E): Mass Gathering: Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned large gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed until after termination of this disaster.

- Consider alternatives to in-person worship, including web streaming and/or podcasts.

Use every day safeguards to reduce the risk of all viruses, including COVID-19.

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you are ill.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

If clergy provide home visits:

- Discontinue handshakes or hugs. Greet each other verbally and/or in another manner, such as a bow or fist bump.
- Clergy and servers should wash their hands before administering communion. If soap and water is not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Communicants should be encouraged to use their own hand sanitizers before communion.
- The use of common cup during communion is discouraged; however, if it is used, the clergy or server should be especially attentive to wiping and turning the cup with every communicant.
 - When using individual cups for communion, ensure the individual filling the cups washes their hands with soap and water before doing so.

Perform routine environmental cleaning.

- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, countertops, pews) with the cleaners typically used. Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label.