

RELIGIOUS SERVICE GUIDANCE

Utah Leads Together

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As the community moves through phased risk guidance, we encourage you to continue to implement protective measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We understand that each facility is unique and operates under different circumstances. The guidance does not address every situation. Adaptation may be needed for your setting. Please work with your employees, volunteers, and patrons to implement the following:

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Faith groups are able to hold in-person religious services of any size as long as a distance of at least 6 feet is maintained between household groups
- Seating arrangements should be made such that a 6-foot distance is maintained between each household group
- Limit the number of people in a confined area to enable adequate 6-foot distancing at all times between each household group
- Post signage to remind individuals to maintain physical distancing when in common areas
- Consider multiple meeting schedules to accommodate smaller gatherings where physical distancing guidelines can be followed
- Implement measures to prevent individuals from congregating in lobbies or meeting areas
- Places of worship consider filling each seat or standing space as long as:
 - physical distancing is still promoted and maintained wherever feasible at the venue
 - face coverings are worn by individuals when physical distancing is not feasible
 - attendance is tracked and seating assignments, or designated sitting/standing areas, are utilized to assist with contact tracing efforts
 - extra hygiene and sanitization practices in place (for example: dedicated individuals for sanitizing high-touch areas)

CLEANING & HYGIENE

- Encourage participants to engage in regular and frequent hand washing
- Wear gloves and a face covering when preparing food to be consumed by individuals from a different household
- Dedicated individuals for sanitizing high-touch surfaces

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this COVID-19 pandemic.
Feel free to contact the Davis County Health Department with any questions at 801-525-5128.

CONGREGATION & VOLUNTEER PROTECTION

- Wear a face covering when physical distancing can not be maintained between households
- Do not shake hands with, or otherwise touch, an individual who is not a member of your household
- Avoid group meals that are not part of the religious service
- Avoid high-touch surfaces
- Exclude all who are sick (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath) from the services
- Consider providing streamed services to households that prefer to participate virtually
- High-risk individuals should limit participation in any in-person gatherings, including religious services, of any number of people outside your household group
- Establish timeframe or provide separate entrances for high-risk individuals to enter and exit safely

Refer to Appendix B: Considerations for Faith Groups Returning to In-person Religious Services, [Utah Leads Together, Phased Guidelines](#)