Reopening Guidance during Community Spread of COVID-19

### PHASED REOPENING: PLACES OF WORSHIP

A phased approach enables places of worship to reopen while protecting the health and safety of staff, members, visitors, and the general public.

## **Recommended Criteria for Phased Reopening**

#### Phase One **Epidemiology** • Decreased test positivity rate for at least 14 days Sustained reduction in number of cases for at least 14 days Decrease in deaths for at least 14 days **Health Care** • Sufficient PPE for all health care workers even if cases double • Sufficient face masks available to provide to patients seeking care, even if cases double More discharges than admissions for COVID-19 within a 7 day period Public Health • All cases interviewed for contact elicitation \* Testing capacity is influenced by a • Contacts elicited for at least 90% of cases loosening of testing criteria, availability of nasal swabs to obtain sample, • Capacity to monitor all confirmed cases and their contacts and the availability of PPE. • Capacity\* to test all people who are symptomatic Move to **Phase Three** if the criteria above is met, a reduction in cases for an additional 14 days is observed, and a vaccine is available. Phase Two **Phase Three Epidemiology** Sustained reduction in cases for an additional 14 days All previous criteria **Health Care** Same as Phase One is met and vaccine is available



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Same as Phase One

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Find data associated with each phase and phase status at <a href="https://bit.ly/PhaseMetrics">https://bit.ly/PhaseMetrics</a>

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Mitigation Guidance			
Action	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Wash hands often	Continue	Continue	Continue
Cover Coughs/Sneezes	Continue	Continue	Continue
Stay home when ill	Continue	Continue	Continue
Use of mask/cloth covering	Continue	Continue	Discontinue
Surface/object cleaning	Continue	Continue	Continue
Social distancing	Continue	Continue	Pause social distancing
Gatherings	Limit to 10 people	Limit to 50 people	Allow all gatherings
Employee PPE Required	Gloves, mask or cloth face covering, increased hand hygiene	Gloves, mask or cloth face covering, increased hand hygiene	Job-appropriate PPE
Health Checks at Entry	Yes	Yes	No
Capacity	50% of seating capacity	75% of seating capacity	100% of seating capacity
Adult & Child Programming	No	No	Resume
Communion	Suspend or utilize single serve options	Suspend or utilize single serve options	Yes
Religious Educational Programs	Follow school guidance	Follow school guidance	Follow school guidance
Housekeeping	Increased housekeeping procedures, increased restroom cleaning	Increased housekeeping procedures, increased restroom cleaning	Regular housekeeping procedures, regular restroom cleaning
Communal Use Items	Limited	Limited	Normal
Services	Limited. Space 6ft between household parties. Alternate rows	Limited. Space 6ft between household parties.	Normal
Virtual Services	Yes; encourage for high-risk members	Yes; encourage for high-risk members	Yes
Baskets for Offerings	Contactless	Contactless	Resume
Philanthropic Services	Continue no contact services	Continue no contact services	Resume

<sup>\*</sup>Please see the CDC for cleaning guidance: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html</a>