



## County of Fresno

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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RE: New Guidance for Faith Based Organizations

The Fresno County Department of Public Health supports Faith Based Organizations to resume in person services in accordance with the guidelines released by the California Department of Public Health issued on May 25, 2020. As the State of California, along with the County of Fresno, continues to modify the stay-at-home orders, the threat of COVID-19 persists in our community. Therefore, it is essential that we take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the public. We recommend that all Faith Based Organizations and those preparing to resume in-person services review and thoroughly implement the CDPH Guidelines. Please keep in mind some of the following key prevention practices and guidelines for in-person services:

- Limit attendance to 25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower
- Physical distancing practices to the maximum extent possible
- Use of face coverings/masks by staff, volunteers, and congregates
- Staff and volunteer screenings
- Frequent handwashing, regular cleaning and disinfection
- Develop a COVID-19 prevention plan and train your employees and volunteers
- Children should remain in care of their own household members throughout service
- Discontinue singing, group recitation, and other practices that may increase the likelihood for transmission of contaminated exhaled droplets
- All staff, volunteers, and congregates should stay home if sick

In addition, it is recommended that Faith Based Organizations continue to provide remote services for high-risk populations. All organizers should continue to encourage all those in attendance to practice any guidance and recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health, and the Fresno County Department of Public Health.

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