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FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES



INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES

- Self-isolation – if you are sick, stay home.
- Practice social distancing of at least six feet distance between non-household members to the greatest extent possible.
- Wash hands frequently (20 seconds with soap and water or use of a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects (e.g., keyboards, phones) and surfaces (e.g., handrails, workstations, sinks) or remove unnecessary frequently touched surfaces (e.g., trash can lids).
- Avoid touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Strongly consider wearing a cloth face covering when in public (do not use on children under two years old, people with difficulty breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask themselves).
- Cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues away immediately after use.

- Avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices or other work tools and equipment when possible, or disinfect them before and after use.
- Minimize the use of soft surfaces like cloth covered chairs or area rugs that are more difficult to clean or disinfect.



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- Communicate the above general guidelines to your parishioners/clients/communities.
- Prevent gatherings of people in entry and exit points and lobby areas.
- Encourage parishioners/clients/communities who are not feeling well to stay home.
- Continue to support your parishioners/clients/communities with essential services such as: meals, mental and spiritual health, and social services programs while following the general guidelines listed above.
- Encourage parishioners/clients/communities to routinely check on their friends and neighbors and to spread the word that we are all in this together.

- Follow CDC guidelines regarding cleaning and disinfecting.
- Encourage people at high risk for severe illness to not attend in-person. Provide call-in or online viewing opportunities.
- Discourage direct contact between non-household members, such as handshakes or hugs.
- Eliminate the use of frequently touched items like offering plates. Remove items from pews such as hymnals. Provide service information in a disposable paper format.



RESOURCES

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<https://accelerate.sc.gov>

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Local businesses can access MUSC services for more hands-on and detailed assessments beyond what is provided in these documents by contacting businesshealth@musc.edu (843) 792-2840