



How Should You Prepare?

Faith Community Messages

Topic	General Prevention Messages
Communion	<p>Designate one person to distribute communion. The person should wear gloves during, or wash hands or use hand sanitizer immediately prior to distributing communion.</p> <p>Items needed for this should be readily available.</p> <p>Use single serving bread (pre-made wafers) or host in lieu of communal loaf of bread.</p> <p>Discontinue use of shared wine chalice; consider individual servings.</p> <p>Do not dip bread in wine.</p> <p>Discourage use of wine</p> <p>Discontinue “finishing off” wine.</p> <p>Consider using less wine in anticipation, so not to waste.</p> <p>Encourage receiving communication in hand, not in mouth.</p>
Going to Church	<p><i>For Administration</i></p> <p>Reassure congregation that it is ok to stay home; in fact it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>Consider adding more, but shorter services to avoid crowded masses.</p> <p>Consider adding boxes of tissues at the end of the pews or in other areas of the church.</p> <p>Encourage members to dispose of used tissues appropriately.</p> <p>Consider practicing social distancing guidelines – keeping 3 feet of space between members when possible. Work with ushers to seat individuals at every other pew.</p> <p><i>For the Member</i></p> <p>If you are sick, stay home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember to cover your cough and wash your hands frequently to prevent

	<p>the spread of germs that make us sick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are sick, contact the office to let them know and to arrange for communion (if available). • Request a written copy of the sermon, tape/CD of the service or access the service via television or the internet. <p>If you do go to church, avoid close contact with other members, and refrain from acts such as the sign of peace and receiving/distributing communion.</p>
Sign of Peace	<p>Germs can spread easily from person-to-person, especially by shaking hands and hugging.</p> <p>Instead of hugging or shaking hands to offer the sign of peace to fellow members, consider bowing, nodding or other signs that do not involve person-to-person contact.</p> <p>Individuals may choose to use sanitizer after contact (during the sign of peace). Encourage congregation to do so ...“it’s ok to use hand sanitizer in church.”</p>
Food/Fellowship gatherings (weddings, baptisms, confirmations)	<p>Make hand sanitizer available to people who are serving food or collecting money.</p> <p>Stay at home if you are sick.</p> <p>If you attend a gathering or other activities where food is served, remember to wash your hands frequently before and after eating and after using the bathroom.</p> <p>Some could be put on hold (confirmation, baptisms, etc.) - prioritize gatherings in some way.</p> <p>“Healing Services” (services for the ill) – if you still hold these you may consider canceling or heightened awareness of general prevention measures. General Food Safety Reminders: Servers instead of a buffet line, individual servings of snacks.</p>
Nurseries/Youth Activities	<p>Follow procedures prescribed to other daycare centers. Information will be provided by local health department.</p> <p>Do not create a daycare if schools and daycares have been closed.</p> <p>Communication with Sunday School Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General prevention • Wash hands • Cover Cough • Exclude children who are ill, if possible • Prepare message for the families from the church regarding closure and prevention
Funeral	<p>There may be an increased demand for funeral services. Consider partnering</p>

	<p>with other churches or organizations in your community to ease this demand.</p> <p>Funeral Services may be limited to immediate families and opportunities may not exist for layouts or other remembrance services.</p> <p>Funeral staff may be depleted.</p> <p>In lieu of chapel (small, crowded space) conduct service outside at burial site (implications for cemetery).</p> <p>Hold longer visitation period to spread out the number of people at one time. Funeral now (limited, only immediate family), memorial later.</p>
<p>Distribution of food/water/other essential services</p>	<p>Follow local health department recommendations for social distancing, and personal protective equipment.</p> <p>Consider dropping off packages in driveways or on doorsteps – methods that prevent person-to-person contact.</p>