

# Covid Step 3 Religious Gatherings

## Screening and actions required by us

- **Post signs** advising attendees to complete a COVID-19 self-assessment. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home, seek testing, and self-isolate. [Self Screen](#)
- All volunteers must be **actively** screened before attending. This means that Bishops and Branch presidents, (or someone given the assignment), must actively screen, (verbally ask is the easiest) all speakers, brothers providing sacrament, ushers, etc. It is highly recommended that a permanent backup speaker or two are called that can be on last minute call with a prepared talk.

## Signage required for us to post

- Promote personal protective practices (e.g., face coverings, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, staying home if ill) by posting signs. [Physical distancing Masks](#)
- Post signs at all entrances to the faith-based organization in a location visible to the public that informs visitors on how to screen themselves for COVID-19 before entering. [Self Screen](#)
- A safety plan must be written and available on request. A copy of the safety plan must be posted in a conspicuous location. Additional guidance on how to develop your safety plan can be found [here](#).

## Physical Distancing and actions required by us

- Assign volunteers, (Must be **actively** screened) to remind individuals of physical distancing measures in areas where people naturally gather, and monitor capacity limits.
- Tape off seats for 2 metres (6 feet) distance between visitors and alternative rows, **OR** assign ushers to bring people to their seats.
- Stagger arrivals and departures to avoid congregations of crowds on the initiation and conclusion of the event.
- Assign volunteers, (Must be **actively** screened) to make sure Individuals in line or congregating outdoors must maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from every other person.

## Reminders each week from the pulpit

- Avoid personal greetings such as hugs, handshakes, kissing of hands or cheeks
- Encourage all attendees to sanitize their hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer as they arrive and frequently during the event.
- Masks or face coverings must be worn properly at all times in places of worship unless it is reasonably required to temporarily remove the mask/face covering for services provided.
- stagger arrivals and departures to avoid a congregation of crowds on the initiation and conclusion of the event.
- Please keep young children with your family unit at all times.

## Primary

- Primary presidents read the document provided in the link below. **Any children's programming should operate in a manner generally consistent with the [COVID-19 Guidance: Summer Day Camps](#).**

## Cleaning and disinfection

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as the pulpit, as frequently as is necessary to maintain a sanitary condition.
- When provided, please use microphone covers and change them between speakers
- If drinking fountains are available, limit their use to refilling water bottles (not drinking directly from) and ensure they are frequently cleaned and disinfected.