



Recommended Guidelines for COVID-19

Important Ways to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others in crowds or poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine to lessen risks for a severe covid case.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

You Should Quarantine

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- If you are awaiting COVID-19 test results
- If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19
- If you have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes where you were 6 feet or less apart

Operations and Gatherings

- Keep an eye on current cases in your area. (GDPH status report)
- Promote healthy hygiene (handwashing, hand sanitizer, masks)
- Encourage all to stay home if you have ANY symptom of COVID-19
- Intensify cleaning, disinfection and ventilation. Schedule a routine for cleaning and disinfecting all high touch surfaces.
- Do not to share materials.
- Plan for possible exposure and have procedures in place.
- Designate a staff person to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. This person should be aware of regulatory policies for gatherings.

For The Kids – Updated 8/5/2021

- All students should be at least 3 feet apart.
- Try to use cohorting and limit contact between cohorts.
- Face desks or tables the same direction when possible.
- Teach and encourage good handwashing techniques.
- May also encourage use of hand sanitizer for ages 2 and up.
- Sanitize any shared objects and toys.

- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.

For The Fully Vaccinated – Updated 7/28/2021

- You are considered “Fully Vaccinated” two weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines OR two weeks after receiving the Johnson & Johnson single dose.
- May gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without masks.
- May gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household without masks.
- Should still monitor for symptoms for COVID-19.
- Should continue to wear masks when in areas with high risk of transmission. For example, indoor crowds where the vaccination status is unknown.
- If you have come into close contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 you should be tested 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until you receive a negative test result.

Remember

- Pray for wisdom as you navigate the days ahead.
- Communicate clearly with staff and church members about actions being taken to protect health and wellness
- May need to accommodate additional services with reduced attendance to promote social distancing
- Remain flexible
- Listen to responses from the congregation and the CDC/medical community.

Please find more in-depth information at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html#previous>

For school and nursery information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/child-care-guidance.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/contact-tracing.html#key-points>

Vaccination information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Georgia DPH status report: <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

BCM - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html>