Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
- Fever
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue or tiredness

Staff & Clergy
- Clergy and church staff, at a minimum, should take their temperature before coming to church. Anyone with a temperature over 100F degrees should stay home.
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- Church staff should keep a list of attendees at each service, including their contact information. This way, if someone with COVID-19 attends a service, public health can use this information for the purposes of contact tracing only.

Parishioners
- Anyone who has been exposed to the virus in the past 14 days should stay home. If, in a family household, one person has had a confirmed positive test or any COVID-19 symptoms, members of that household should attend virtual services from home.
- Parishioners should wear their masks during the entirety of the service. If taking Communion, they should remove their mask and replace it immediately.
- Parishioners should be discouraged from mingling before or after services, inside or outside.
- Markers can be placed outside restrooms on the floor to indicate where people can wait, 6 feet apart, to use the restroom. Floor markers can also be used on pews to indicate where people can safely sit 6 feet apart and in other places where people typically sit or stand.
- Hand sanitizer should be available to parishioners entering and leaving the bathroom and the sanctuary or place of worship.
- Greeting of the peace with handshakes should be discouraged. Instead, parishioners can greet each other by waving at a distance.
- Beverage and refreshment services should be suspended at this time.
- Single-use, disposable bulletins should be used in lieu of hymnals and prayer books.
- One door should be used for entry and another for exit.
- Any parishioner 65 or over, or who are at high risk, is encouraged to consider avoiding the risk of attending public worship.

Churches and other places of worship can be considered places of high risk for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) spread because they involve large groups of people coming together for extended periods of time. In addition, some activities at church services such as singing, and communion can increase risk of spread of COVID-19. Therefore, it is important churches take extra precautions.

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES

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Seating or pews should be arranged in such as way to allow distance between parishioners. If possible, allow two chairs to be empty between each party—place signs on seats to let people know they should not sit there. If your church offers multiple services, consider scheduling services far enough apart to allow time for cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces between services.

Communion
- Staff must use hand sanitizer frequently and especially before preparing communion.
- Communion should be offered in individual cups, not a common cup. If possible, avoid direct skin-to-skin contact between the person handing out communion and those receiving.
- Ministers administering communion should wear a mask or cloth face covering.

Music
- Choral singing is discouraged if the singers cannot stand 8 feet apart on all sides. Soloists or pianists can perform individually to provide music.
- Band members must be stationed 8 feet apart and wear masks unless they are singing.

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Funerals
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 fee between people who do not share a household
- Masks or cloth face coverings should be worn at all times
- Encourage funeral attendees to practice social distancing and to wear masks at post-funeral gatherings, at which COVID can easily be spread among attendees.

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