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Updated - Recommendations for Churches, Faith Communities, and Places of Worship

In order to continue the community's effort to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, the Tippecanoe County Health Department recommends the following measures for churches, faith communities, and places of worship, consistent with CDC's "Considerations for Communities of Faith" (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>):

- 1) Encourage those who are sick, who have had close contact with a person with COVID-19, or who are considered high risk to stay home.
- 2) Reduce capacity and modify seating arrangements to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between congregants who are not from the same household. Consider offering multiple smaller services, holding services in a larger venue or outdoors, and/or providing virtual services. Consider designated entrances and exits to create "one-way traffic."
- 3) The Tippecanoe County Health Department advises churches, faith communities, and places of worship to require face coverings for staff and congregants older than 2 years of age.
- 4) Encourage frequent hand washing/sanitizing and provide adequate hand sanitizing supplies.
- 5) Post signs about measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Free printable signs in multiple languages are available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>
- 6) Eliminate physical contact (e.g., hand shaking) and limit shared items (e.g., hymnals). Consider alternatives to offering plates and eliminating congregational/choral singing.
- 7) Between (if more than one per day) and after each service clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces. Ensure that ventilation systems work properly and increase circulation of outdoor air.

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