While recognizing that an individual’s faith and spiritual community are critical to well-being, especially in a time of crisis, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment strongly urges places of worship to transition to electronic platforms during the COVID-19 pandemic or hold drive up services. In addition, places of worship should follow these guidelines at all times.

**General guidelines**

Follow all social/physical distancing requirements

- Direct those having symptoms of COVID-19-- as well as persons who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms like dry cough, chest tightness, and/or fever-- to refrain from participating in in-person services.
- People must be at least 6 feet apart at all times while seated and standing.
  - Brainstorm alternatives to handshaking, handholding, hugging, communion, passing the peace, etc.
  - Remember, the smaller the group, the larger the space, and the healthier the people are beforehand, the lower the risk of transmission.
- Those most at risk, including people over age 65 and anyone with a pre-existing immune or respiratory condition, are urged to remain home at all times unless they need immediate medical care.
- People should cover their coughs and sneezes, practice hand hygiene, and stay home if they are ill.
- Consider providing hand sanitizer and tissues in convenient locations.
- Ensure attendees wear coverings (e.g., cloth mask or bandana) over their mouths and noses while attending services.
- Consider taking attendees temperatures and asking about signs of illness before admitting them into the place of worship. Disallow individuals with elevated temperatures or signs of illness (coughing, runny nose, sneezing).

Clean and disinfect all surfaces before and after any in-person gathering.

- Follow these guidelines.

**Guidelines for drive-in type venues**

- Practice the social/physical distancing requirements outlined above.
- Use electronics that attendees can have inside the car or use a radio channel to broadcast the audio and/or video.
  - If you will be providing devices, ensure they are cleaned and sanitized prior to passing them out.
  - It is preferable for attendees to use their own, personal devices for audio/video.
- Attendees should stay in their vehicles and not socialize through their vehicle windows.
- Public restrooms must be cleaned and have signage posted that they should be used by only one person at a time. See the cleaning guidance above.
- There should be no other opportunity for in-person interaction. Do not have food or beverage or any other services at the site. Do not make available gathering spaces at this location for attendees to gather outside of their vehicles.