



SAFER AT HOME Guidance for Life Rites and Places of Worship

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The current statewide [Safer at Home order](#) allows for places of worship (also referred to as “houses of worship”) to return to in-person services as well as in-person life rite ceremonies with appropriate social distancing and precautions. Life rites include wedding ceremonies, graduations, funeral services, baptisms, bris ceremonies, and other religious ceremonies.

Note: Events must comply with all applicable laws, local codes, ordinances, permitting requirements, and public health orders. Check with the local jurisdiction(s) for any applicable restrictions or requirements.

All places of worship and life rite ceremonies must comply with current state guidance.

Please review the state’s current guidance on places of worship and life rite ceremonies here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/worship-guidance>

General State Requirements

- Individuals who are sick must remain at home
- Vulnerable individuals are strongly recommended to remain at home.
- Develop plans for:
 - [A protocol for symptom screening](#)
 - Social distancing across the venue or ceremony, mask use is required whenever 6 feet of social distancing is not maintained
 - Cleaning bathrooms and high touch surfaces
 - Direction of movement and seating for guests/worshippers during arrival and departure

Additional details and suggestions about how to develop these plans can be found in the [state guidance](#).

Boulder County Requirements

Indoor Capacity Limit

- Limited to 50% of the venue’s capacity or up to 50 people per room, whichever is fewer.*
- Social distancing requirements (including 6 feet of distance between non-household members) must be strictly complied with at all times.

**If a place of worship has a single extra large room, the facility may have up to 100 people total indoors, within the usable space of the extra large room, as calculated using the [Social Distancing Calculator](#).*

Outdoor Capacity Limit

Up to and including 175 people:

- Follow all state guidance listed above
- Use the [Social Distancing Calculator](#) to determine maximum occupancy for the venue
- Follow all outdoor events guidance from the state: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/outdoor-events>

More than 175 people:

- Submit an event/venue plan for review by Boulder County Public Health.



- Email graduation plans to: education@bouldercounty.org.
- Email all other plans to covidbiz@bouldercounty.org.

Receptions and Associated Parties

Follow the guidance outlined for Special Events: [https://assets.bouldercounty.org/
wp-content/uploads/2020/08/safer-at-home-guidance-special-events.pdf](https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/safer-at-home-guidance-special-events.pdf)

- Limited to 50% capacity per 100 people indoors
- Limited to 175 people outdoors
- Additional restrictions apply, as outlined in guidance

Additional Resources

- [Colorado Department of Education Graduation Ceremony Guidance](#)
- [Alternatives to Typical Graduation Ceremonies](#)
- [Boulder County Public Health Facial Coverings Order](#)

