



**Logan County
Health District**

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GUIDANCE FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

This document is to provide information for faith groups in their decision-making about assembly.

As you know the right to worship is covered in the First Amendment of the US Constitution, “Congress shall make no law.....or the right of the people peaceably to assemble”.

A number of facts based on recent studies should inform your decisions and plans:

- 1) The COVID-19 virus is very contagious and many infected are asymptomatic. A church in Washington state had a choir practice with 6-foot social distancing. No one was ill. Over the next few weeks, 45 of the 60 choir members developed COVID, and 2 died.
- 2) There is no doubt that seniors, especially those with co-morbidities have a massive increase in death rate over under 50s.
- 3) Most people diagnosed with the disease got it in enclosed spaces: particularly at home, but also ships, nursing homes, prisons, hospitals, houses of worship, weddings, and funerals.
- 4) There is no doubt that masks and social distancing are very effective interventions.
- 5) Religious events are exempt in the Ohio’s Stay Safe Ohio Order; weddings are exempt but wedding receptions are still limited to 10 people with strict social distancing.

Logan County Health District is willing to look at any plans you have and are happy to give our recommendations. A guide that businesses are to use is available on our website at loganhealth.org under the “[Economic Recovery Instructions to Reopen and Operate a Business in Logan County](#)” link to the right. This may be a resource to help you determine a safe congregation size for the time being.

If you would like the Health District to review your plans to re-assemble, please email those to LCHD@loganhealth.org or drop them off/mail them to our office at:

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