Bucks County Department of Health (BCDH) Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith

Below is some general overall guidance for faith-based organizations to operate religious services as safely as possible:

- Consider reducing the numbers of congregants per service and practice social distancing, with non-immediate family members located six feet apart.

- Increase the number of services to make up for lowering the numbers of attendees per service.

- Digitally record the service(s) and/or broadcast video and sound outside to encourage those congregants at higher risk to participate virtually or possibly at a drive-up setting.

- Increase ventilation within the building with as much use of outdoor air as possible.

- Use a stationary collection box or electronic methods to collect donations. Do not share books, worship aids, or hymnals.

- Reduce or eliminate congregant participation in song. Eliminate, temporarily, the use of choirs (or at least reduce the number involved and practice greatly increased social distancing.)

- Encourage the use of cloth facemasks for anyone over the age of two who is in good health.

- Disinfect all high touch areas and seating after each service.

- Avoid food offerings from common dishes.

- Have hand wash or hand sanitizing stations available before and after the services.

- Eliminate gatherings at the end of the service, and continue to keep social distancing.

- Consider signage on how to stop the spread of COVID-19.
  

- If offering child care or educational events, see CDC guidance for schools.
  