

EXPOSED

What to do if someone is exposed to COVID-19 while attending your Church.



What happens if someone in your congregation tests positive? What happens if you or someone on your staff has been exposed to someone who has tested positive?

Suggested Steps

1. Encourage the infected individual to get tested and follow the doctor's instructions or self-quarantine for 14 days. Their close family members may also need to do the same.
2. Determine where the individuals would have had close contact with others. Small Groups, Sanctuary, Bathrooms, etc. Close contact includes:
 - Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19,
 - Caring for a sick person with COVID-19,
 - Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 10 minutes, or
 - Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.).
3. Contact any individuals that would have come into close contact with those infected and encourage them to get tested and/or self-quarantine for 14 days.
4. Deep Clean your facility using [CDC guidelines](#).

Sample Announcement

“We have recently learned a member of our family community has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We are still working to notify members and staff that might have been in contact with the member and have requested everyone stay out of the building for at least the next 10 days. After a 7-day period, we will begin the process of cleaning and sanitizing the building. While we learn more and work closely with DHSS to take every precaution necessary, please keep this member and their family in your prayers as they journey back to health.”

Helpful Links

[CDC Requirements for Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)

[Established Response Page of other Organizations](#)

[HIPAA and the Coronavirus](#)