

Sample Survey for churches about returning to in-person activities

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This survey includes several questions about your current feelings about returning to regular in-person church activities when local government lifts its restrictions on public gatherings.

Thank you for participating in this survey.

1. When our local government lifts its guidance regarding churches meeting, which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church? Select one:

- I will return the first opportunity we have.
- I will return at the first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions.
- I will wait several additional weeks before I attend.
- It may be quite a while before I return.
- Not sure.

2. In addition to our local government lifting its ban or guidance regarding public gatherings, are there other signals you would want to see before you attend a worship service at church in person? Select all that apply.

- Local businesses are open again.
- Local restaurant seating areas are open again.
- Schools are open again.
- The number of coronavirus cases near me is very small.
- Most social distancing recommendations have been lifted.
- None of these.
- Not sure.

3. What precautions, if any, do you plan to take when you return to a worship service? Select all that apply.

- I will wear a face mask.
- I will stand and sit in places where I will be at least 6 feet from others (beyond my own family).
- I will avoid shaking hands.
- I will avoid any physical contact.
- I will avoid crowded hallways.
- I will bring hand sanitizer.
- None of these.

4. What precautions, if any, do you expect our church to take for worship gatherings? Select all that apply.

- Limit handouts of any kind (e.g., worship guide, notes pages, etc.)
- Use a new method for collecting offerings.
- Encourage social distancing in sanctuary seating.
- Encourage social distancing in small group settings.
- Prop doors open so people do not have to touch handles.
- Set up one-way foot traffic entering and exiting the building and sanctuary.
- Provide hand sanitizer stations in all common areas and classrooms.
- Discourage shaking hands and eliminate passing the peace for the time being.
- Limited or no congregational singing until all restrictions are lifted.
- What type of music would you be comfortable with? List other precautions that should be taken.

5. Would you be willing to attend Adult or intergenerational Sunday School where you typically met in the past?

- Yes
- Not right away
- I do not attend Sunday School

6. Do you have children age 18 or younger who typically attend church with you?

- Yes
- No

7. **If you answered yes to #6**, would you allow your child(ren) to attend their Sunday School where it has met in the past?

- Yes
- No
- My children do not typically attend Sunday School.

8. What precautions, if any do you expect the church to take in childrens and youth Sunday School when they resume? Select all that apply.

- Seat children where they cannot touch each other.
- Prohibit snacks that would cause children to put their hands to their mouths.
- Require teachers to wear face masks.
- Encourage kids over the age of 3 years of age to wear face masks.
- Require teachers to wear gloves.
- Have hand sanitizer in every room and ask kids to use hand sanitizer before entering.
- Plan activities in which kids do not need to touch each other.
- Other (please specify)

9. Would you allow your child/ren to attend an intergenerational Sunday School this summer?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

10. What precautions, if an, do you expect to be taken to safely conduct an intergenerational Sunday School? Select all that apply.

- Provide seating that meets the safe distancing guidelines of being at least 6 feet apart.
- Prohibit snacks that would cause children to put their hands to their mouths.
- Require teachers and attendees over age of 3 to wear face masks.
- Have hand sanitizer available.
- Plan activities in which attendees do not need to touch each other.
- Other (please specify)

11. Which of the following describes the attendance level at which you would be comfortable attending a worship service?

I would be comfortable attending if the sanctuary is

- Filled to capacity (every seat taken).
- Three-quarters filled (some empty seats throughout but no empty rows).
- Half filled (most people have empty seats either beside them or in front of them).
- One quarter filled (most people have empty seats beside them and in front of them).
- None of these (at least right away).

12. Where our local government lifts its ban or guidance regarding public gatherings, which of the following would you prefer for our church?

- Resume in person worship services at our church immediately.
- Continue online service only for a few more weeks before resuming in person worship services.
- Not sure

13. Would you be willing to attend a worship service in an overflow room to insure people (in the sanctuary and overflow rooms) are spread out?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

14. What is your age?

- Less than 18
- 30 to 49
- 50 to 69
- 70+
- I prefer not to answer.

15. Additional comments.