

PANDEMIC PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Consider the following suggestions for preparing and implementing a pandemic response plan at your church.



PHASE 1

- Absenteeism is at 25%
- Communicate plan to church staff, ministry leaders, volunteers, and congregation
- Communicate plan to non-church organizations that use facility
- Check on updates from local and state health departments, CDC, and FEMA
- Remind parents of sickness policy for kids ministry



PHASE 2

- Absenteeism is at 40%
- Post signage to encourage hand washing and add hand sanitizing stations around facility
- Prop open doors in high traffic areas
- Ask guest services teams to avoid shaking hands of those entering church facility
- Exclude greeting times from worship services or encourage people to not shake hands
- Use offering buckets near exits instead of passing offering plates
- Increase cleanings in kids ministry space and high traffic areas
- Restrict building access to non-church organizations
- Limit building use for extra activities like weeknight Bible studies, kids programs, etc.
- Allow church staff to work from home



PHASE 3

- Absenteeism is at 50-60%
- Cancel services and restrict all building access
- Livestream a sermon or post a previous sermon video online
- Encourage app or online giving
- Ensure a deep cleaning of entire facility